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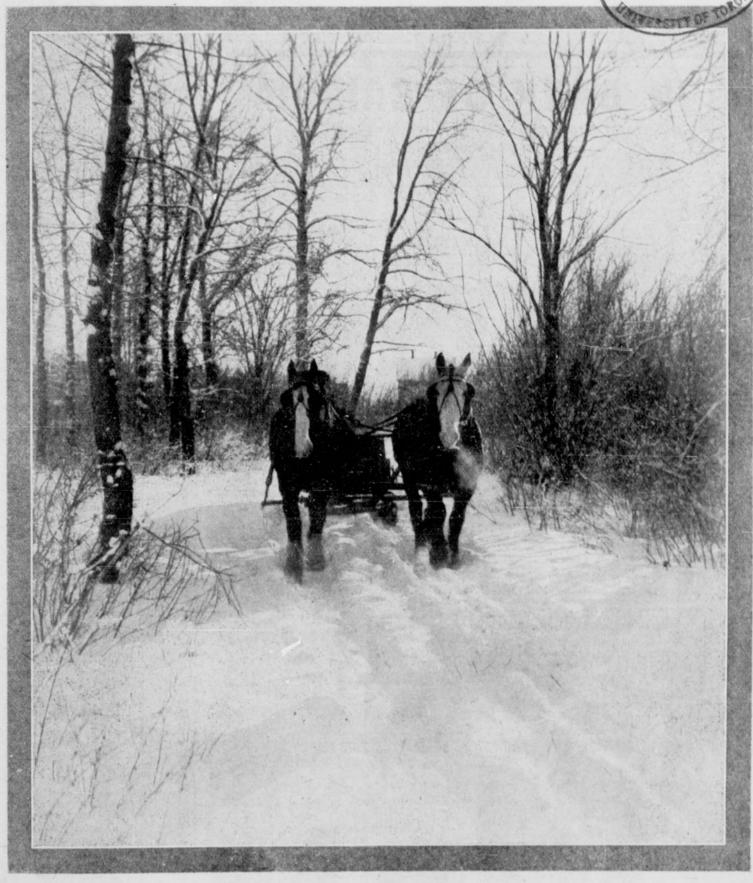
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## News from the Organizations

Matter for this page should be sent to the Secretary, United Farmers of Alberta, Calgary; A. J. McPhail, secretary, Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association, Regina; Donald G. McKenzie, secretary, United Farmers of Manitoba, Winnipeg.

#### Manitoba

Banquet at Plumas

The banquet held recently at Plumas, under the auspices of the local U.F.M., was one of the most successful events in the community during the past few years. About 300 persons sat down to a turkey and chicken feast, which was greatly enjoyed by all. Several toasts were proposed and ably responded to by various individuals.

Short addresses by A. McGregor, M.L.A., and D. G. McKenzie, provincial secretary, U.F.M., were very much appreciated; and every effort is being put forth by the local workers to make 1925 a banner year, both from the point of increased membership and local achievement.—H. McL.

Rossburn U.F.M.

The following letter was received at for 1925, 44 members, having already

the Central office the other day, from Alex. Duncanson, secretary, Rossburn U.F.M.:

"I am enclosing \$13 to cover dues from the Rossburn U.F.M. This local has been dormant for some time owing to hard times, but has now been re-vived, and I hope it will always be on the active list. In this connection, too much cannot be said of the efforts of Stewart Stevenson, of Shoal Lake, help keep interest aroused in the U.F.M. in Rossburn. He has given his time ungrudgingly and often at considerable inconvenience to himself in helping us to keep going. The new officers for 1925 are: President, A. Hamilton; vice-president, L. V. Daw-less; secretary, A Duncanson."

Birnie U.F.M.

Birnie U.F.M. has enrolled to date

succeeded in enlisting all on last year membership roll.

Efforts are being made by the local to have a telephone installed in the C.N.R. station at their point, which will be of great benefit to the commun ity generally.

The president for this year is Geo. Lang, and the secretary, Miss 1

Grover.

St. Andrews Women's Committee In St. Andrews mixed local the women's committee holds monthly meetings to sew for the Selkirk General seven miles distant from Hospital, them. The hospital supplies material which they make into garments as specified. Their work for 1924 consisted of: 8 pyjama coats, 9 pyjama pants, 7 dressing gowns, 14 table covers, 13 pillow cases, 3 hot-water bags, 4 children's night-gowns. A mite box placed on the table at their meet ings enabled them to raise \$21.95 to be donated towards the furnishings of the new Nurses' Home. In addition the women held a fruit, pickle and vegetable shower in the fall and sent the contributions direct to the hospital Mrs. James A. Pittis is convener of this women's committee.

Brunkild Annual Meeting

Brunkild U.F.M. held its annual meeting on November 29, which ended a very successful year in co-operative buying of coal, wood, twine and flour-also from the standpoint of member ship, having 49 members enrolled.

The election of officers for 1925 resulted as follows: President, J. P. Grabowski; vice-president, A. Parks; secretary, F. Le Clair. Directors: E. Gildermeister, W. Runsch, E. Garber, W. Chase and H. Picken.—F. L.

#### Saskatchewan

Grain Growers' Serial

What the S.G.G.A. has done for the

79. The Central secretary, A. J. Me-Phail, protested against the increase of express rates before the Board of Railway Commissioners at Regina. The application of the express companies was also opposed by the Women's Section of the association.

The women's representative was complimented by the chairman on having given the best presentation of the farmers' case in the West.

80. The S.G.G.A. contributes each year over \$1,000 to various charitable institutions, this being the interest on Farm Loan Bonds purchased through the Patriotic Acre Fund.

Farmers throughout the province are benefiting by these contributions.

81. In April, 1924, the association was strongly represented on the Canadian Council of Agriculture delegation to Ottawa, to urge immediate and sub stantial reductions in the customs tariff.

This resulted in substantial reductions in the tariff in the budget of last

session. 82. The same deputation urged the advisability of using the national credit for the provision, at reasonable interest rates, of intermediate and long-term farm credits.

The result of this action was the appointment of Dr. Tory, of the Alberts University, to enquire into the whole subject of farm loans.

Dr. Tory will tell his story at the

coming convention of the association in Regina, January 27 to 29.

83. This deputation further urged the development of the Vancouver route. will all public grain elevators under the control of the Board of Grain Commis sioners. It also urged the maintenant of the Grain Research Laboratory at

84. The same deputation strongly advocated government supervision and inspection of banks, and the placing of federal and provincial governments of an equality with all other depositors

(To be continued).

Coming Pool Developments In view of the discussions which are to take place at the annual convention on the question of the formation of livestock, poultry and egg pools for the province, the Central office has ordered 2,000 copies of the contracts adopted it Alberta. These will be sent out pre

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## UNION BANK OF CANADA

60th Annual Statement, 29th November, 1924

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Balance at credit of account, 30th November, 1923.

Net profits for the year, after deducting expenses of management, interest due depositors, reserving for interest and exchange, and making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts, have amounted to. 317,074.73 911,942.15 \$ 1,229,016.88 640,000.00 25,000.00 10,000.00 134,581.94 100,000.00 319.434.94 1.229.016.88 LIABILITIES 8.000,000.00 \$ 1,750,000.00 319,434.94 \$ 2,069,434.94 4,935.98 160,000.00 2,234,370,92 \$ 10,234,370.92 \$10,144,535.00 25,287,812.37 66,987,204.15 450,591.06 106,910,335.97 3,428,708.25 1,700.50 Letters of Credit outstanding..... Liabilities not included in the foregoing..... \$120,575,115.64 Gold and Silver Coin..... Dominion Government Notes.... Deposit with the Minister of Finance for the purposes of the Circulation Fund.

Deposit in the Central Gold Reserves.

Notes of other Banks.
United States and other Foreign Currencies.

Cheques on other Banks in Canada.

Balances due by other Banks in Canada.

Balances due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada.

Dominion and Provincial Government Securities not exceeding market value.

Canadian Municipal Securities and British Foreign and Colonial Public Securities other than Canadian, not exceeding market value.

Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks not exceeding market value.

Call and Short (not exceeding 30 days) Loans in Canada, on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks and other Securities of a sufficient marketable value to cover.

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Other Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less rebate of interest) after making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts.
Other Current Loans and Discounts elsewhere than in Canada (less rebate of interest) after making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts.
Real Estate other than Bank Premises
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Non-Current Loans, estimated loss provided for
Bank Premises, at not more than cost, less amounts written off
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Shares of, and loans to, controlled companies.
Other Assets not included in the foregoing 4,289,105.64 47,667,585.49 1,250,814.79 562,613.67 366,982.48 1,958,222.33 2,163,932.55 3,428,708.25 2,149,300.00 2,149,3 00.00 9,7 49.93 \$120,575,115.64

NOTE: Included in Call and Short Loans in Canada are Loans secured by grain amounting to

\$11.433.626.92.

NOTE: Bonds of the Canadian Realty Corporation. Ltd., to the extent of \$2,450,000, secured on premises leased to the Bank, are in the hands of the Public. These Bonds do not appear in the above Statement as the Bank is not directly liable therefor.

W. R. ALLAN, President.

#### AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

We have compared the above Statement of Liabilities and Assets with the Books and Accounts at Head Office and with the certified returns from the Branches.

We have verified the securities representing the investments of the Bank at the close of the financial year, when we also checked the cash at the Chief Office. During the year we checked the cash and verified the securities at several of the principal Branches.

We report that we have obtained all the information and explanations which we have required; that all transactions of the Bank which have come under our notice have, in our opinion, been within the powers of the Bank; and that the above Statement of Liabilities and Assets as at 29th November, 1924, is, in our opinion, properly drawn up so as to disclose the true condition of the Bank, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the Books of the Bank.

E. S. READ, of GEORGE A. TOUCHE & CO.

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## Timely Warning Given at Royal Bank Meeting

The annual general meeting of The Royal Bank of Canada, held at the head office, in Montreal, not only marked the conclusion of one of the most successful years in the bank's history, but was also featured by most interesting and forceful addresses by Sir Herbert Holt, the president, and C. E. Neill, the general manager.

Sir Herbert, in his address, pointed out that Canada was confronted with such serious problems that it would be unfair to pass over them lightly. On the other hand, they had to be faced courageously and a solution found, otherwise the damage may become almost irreparable.

Foremost among these problems is taxation. He regarded the situation in this respect as very serious indeed, and stressed the necessity for reducing our tax burden in order that Canada might not be placed in too unfavorable a position as compared with other countries, notably the United States.

In concluding his remarks, the president said, "I have never been more optimistic in regard to the possibilities of this country than I am today. We have been held back by agricultural depression since 4920, but this should disappear as normal conditions are restored throughout the world. I have firm faith in the future of the Empire, of which we are a part, and hope to see good results obtained as its varied resources are properly developed. Good as our prospects are, it must not be forgotten that we are faced with the necessity of finding a solution for some very urgent problems, and that the improvement which we are justified in expecting can be retarded by the mishandling of our affairs, by failure to reduce taxation, by neglect of immigration, or by the development of a spirit of sectionalism, with its resultant instability, damaging the reputation of Canada in the countries to whom we look for new citizens and fresh capital."

#### General Manager's Address

C. E. Neill, the general manager, in his address, dealt with the changes in the bank's financial statement for the year, notably the growth of over \$40,000,000 in deposits, and the increase in investments in government securities. He stated that the bank had opened more new accounts in 1924 than in any year of its history, and intimated that the increase in deposits was due to the natural growth of the business, rather than to any speciallylarge deposits.

Speaking of the bank's holding of government securities, he said, "You will be interested to know that our present holding of short-term government and municipal securities exceeds \$78,500,000, and I am sure you will approve of our policy of holding such a very substantial liquid reserve.

In referring to conditions in Canada and other countries where the bank is represented, he stated that while 1924 had not been a good business year in Canada, the outlook for the future was encouraging, chiefly because of the rise in price of agicultural products, notably wheat. The U.F.M. on the "Come-Back"

From a corner outside of the actual lime-light one can better see the actual occurrences on the stage. Since quitting my official connection with the provincial organization of the United Farmers I have watched closely and with sympathetic interest the course of events in the association, and am today convinced that it has successfully weathered the period of special stress and is now definitely on the way to another period of effective and enlarged service. I wish to direct attention to some factors that are contributing to this.

1. The unity of the organization. convention was non-contentious, not because there were no big issues, but because there is a fuller measure of agreement on principles and policies, and a wider confidence in the direction of the movement than has sometimes existed. The farm people are doing several big things and they are doing them in Manitoba together.

2. The progress of co-operative mar-keting. Not only in the wheat pool and the proposal for a pool for other grains, but in the co-operative handling of cattle, poultry, eggs and cream, the farmers feel more widely than they ever did before that they are "get-ting somewhere." The study and ting somewhere." The study and practice of co-operation is being vitalized and is gripping our people, and is bound to go forward.

3 The increasing activities of the district boards. They did good workmost of them-on the recent "drive." They are growingly conscious of the dependence of the movement upon their effectiveness, and during the year the weaker locals in every district will be visited and given a "lift." There is fuller recognition than ever before that membership means strength, and they are going after more members.

4. The closer touch with the Agri-The group who lopper on Friday cultural College. The ground greeted Prof. Hopper on greeted From 9, at night, January 9, at indication at Brandon, was just an indication of number of ex-students who of the taking active part in our work. The co-operation of the college staff in association activities is a thing to be welcomed. The U.F.M. course at the college will continue to prove helpful and inspiring.

5. The fact that practical farm topics-soil, and stock, and erop problems-are being given a larger place in the programs of the locals is an ele-ment of strength. The meetings cannot be made too practical. Everything in the farmers' work and life can be assisted by the programs of the local meetings.

6. The practical purpose in the minds of the rank and file to strengthen the movement. Voluntarily districts and locals are offering their help to strengthen numbers and to put the Central office beyond all worry as to finances. The response at the convention to the suggestion to add 1,500 to the membership, indicated the finest spirit of practical optimism.

7. Last, but not least, the personnel of the officers. Without casting any reflection on those who have held the offices in the past, it is recognized that in the president, the vice-president and the two secretaries, there is a trained group of proved efficiency, whole-heartedly devoted to the movement, and determined in the coming year to carry the association to its fullest efficiency.

The situation is one which should command the enthusiastic co-operation of every local officer, worker and mem-



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ber. The cause is hopeful. There is an objective to be attained. There are results to be realized. And only by the combined energies of all will 1925 make the contribution it ought to

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## Vacuum Tubes

Their requirements and operation By R. L. Lister

ACUUM tube sockets, in order to render their best service, should fit the vacuum tube snug, without play in either direction. If the tube fits the socket loosely there is sure to be trouble experienced later on, as the contact between the tube prongs and the socket springs will not be posi-tive, allowing the tube to go out of oscillation very easily.

There are various materials from

which tube sockets are made. Some are made from approved insulating material, while others are made from compositions of unknown ingredients, which, when the tube is left burning over a number of hours, will become soft and lose their shape. If this happens the socket is ruined and a new one must be purchased. For this reason composition sockets should be purchased only after examination has disclosed the fact that they are made from some approved insulating material.

The best all-round socket is one which has a bakelite base and metal sides. The base, which carries the high voltage for the plate, is made from an excellent insulating material, while the tube retainer is made from a metal The metal tube often acts as a shield and prevents microphonic sounds.

There is one socket made entirely of porcelain, which is quite popular among some radio owners. The advantage of this socket is that it is very cheap in price. However, its disadvantage is found in the fact that it is very easily broken.

#### Sufficient Tension Necessary

In order that as nearly a perfect contact may be made between the tube prongs and the socket, the springs, on the underside of the socket, should have quite a stiff tension. When the tube is inserted in the socket, the tension of the springs should be sufficient to prevent the tube from resting in its proper position, unless locked in the little slot especially provided for that purpose.

A great many cases of failure on the part of a receiving set to work may be traced to the fact that the tube was not making good contact in the socket. If the filament flickers when the set is touched it is quite possible that one of the springs leading to the filament prongs are weak. If the receiver refuses to oscillate it may be on account of the "B" battery not being fed to the plate of the tube. This would be the case if the "P" spring was bent out of reach of the prong of the tube.

Should it be found that the set "rings" when tapped, the sockets should be loosened from the board to which they are fastened and a piece of sponge rubber glued to the base, and later glued to the mounting board. If sponge rubber is not available a very good substitute can be made from a double thickness of automobile inner

Filament Rheostats

The apparatus which controls the amount of current flowing to the filament of the vacuum tube is controlled by what is known as a rheostat. Rheostats all work on the same principle, namely, that of introducing some resistance into the circuit, and thereby reducing the current supplied to the filament.

In order that the tube may function at its maximum efficiency, it is necessary that we have some control over its actions. The easiest way to control it is by the use of the rheostat. The action of the rheostat can very well be compared to the spout of a grain bin. If the door in the bin is closed, very little grain can escape, whereas if the door is opened wide the grain can run through at a good speed. The rheostat functions somewhat along the same lines. If the rheostat is turned on "full" the current can flow unchecked, but if turned "down" the current cannot flow along at the same rate of speed.

Varying the amount of current which enters the vacuum tube alters the heat of the filament, which in turn affects

the action of the tube. Theoretically the hotter the filament the heavier will be the electronic flow, which means that the stronger will be the action of the vacuum tube. As it is quite possible for the electronic "bombardment" or flow to get beyond our control, we must prevent this by using a filament rheostat. Of course, no damage will be done to the receiving set should the electronic flow become too great, the only effects experienced will be the unstable operation of the set.

#### Requirements of a Rheostat

A rheostat, in order to give the greatest degree of satisfaction, must supply very fine control to the filament. Many rheostats are now made with what is known as a vernier control, that is, after once a rough setting is obtained, the adjustment may be brought down infinitely fine. In this way a perfect control is accessible at all times.

Mechanically, a rheostat must have the following properties. In the first place it must have a smooth running action, otherwise the filament control will be erratic. If the contract arm has a heavy bearing action the wire resistance will be cut. If this should happen the rheostat will be ruined. To give the greatest satisfaction the arm should run over the resistance wire with a smooth, even action.

If correctly designed the rheostat should not heat appreciably. Should heating be noticed the rheostat should be changed for one with better heat radiating properties. However, with the majority of tubes so little is current drawn that there is very little danger of over-heating on the part of the rheostat.

A little over 12 months ago some very good carbon pile rheostats made their appearance. The advantages of the carbon pile rheostat are that the resistance variations are very gradual, and then again there are no resistance wires to cut or make poor contact with. Of the carbon pile rheostats there are two main kinds, the carbon disc and the pulverized carbon type. The pulverized carbon type has the disadvantage of hardening, making it necessary to tap the rheostat in order to loosen up the compressed carbon granules. On the other hand the carbon disc type has the habit of making the set "ring," especially in radio frequency receivers. However, as the rheostat is used very little after once the tubes are set to the correct brilliancy, the disadvantages are only

minor details. In some cases it is practical to control two and sometimes three tubes with one rheostat. In radio frequency amplifier circuits this is quite practical, although in nearly all circuits this method has a decided disadvantage in the fact that, unless all tubes are carefully matched, some of them will not be operating at their maximum efficiency. There is a danger of controlling two or three tubes with one rheostat. and that is, should one tube burn out, the remaining two would be under an increased voltage which might possibly burn them out also.

#### The Puzzle Corner

The Contest Secretary has explained below the points in the figure puzzle contest which our readers find most difficult to understand. Don't forget the three special prizes (see prize list on page 18) which are to be given for the first correct or nearest correct answers sent in before February 9, 1925. Read all the questions and answers, for one of these may help to explain the others.

Q .- Are there any numbers in the puzzle such as seven hundred and seventy-seven thousand, seven hundred and seventy-seven?

A.—No. Each figure must be added separately, e.g., 7 and 7 and 7 and 7

Q.—Do I have to guess at the figures taken out by the judges and add them to my answer?

A .- No. The sum of all the figures

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which are plainly visible on the chart is the correct answer.

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A.—You can enter the contest by re-

newing your own subscription or by sending in a neighbor's new or renewal subscription.

Q.—Can a person send in an answer with each subscription?

A .- You can submit as many answers as you like, providing each answer is accompanied by a cash subscription for one year or more, but since the value of the first five prizes depends on the amount sent in up to \$25 on one answer, our advice is not to send in too many

Q.-If I send in my answer with a remittance now and later on send in more money on the same answer, will it be credited to my account?

A.—Yes.

Q.—In case of a tie, does the person sending in the largest amount of money in subscriptions have the best chance of winning the prize?

A.—No. If there is a tie for any

prize a second puzzle will be submitted, which will decide the issue. While the value of the first five prizes depends on the amount of money sent in, you have the same chance of winning a prize by sending in a one or threedollar subscription as you have by sending in a larger amount.

Q.—In case of a tie for any prize will the next prize following be reserved until the issue is decided?

A .- Yes. That prize and as many prizes as there are persons tied will be reserved for them.

Q .- What is meant by value of first prize \$1,395 and 20 times the amount

sent in up to \$25?

A.—If you qualify for the Chevrolet,

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## The Grain Growers' Buide

Winnipeg, Wednesday, January 21, 1925

Premier King at Toronto

On three important matters of public policy, Premier King, in his address at Toronto, on January 12, laid down the principles by which the course of the government would be guided. These questions were: the tariff, immigration and transportation.

On the tariff Mr. King said (Toronto Globe report):

We can solve the tariff problem, not by meeting the wishes of those high protectionists who demand that certain special interests in Ontario and Quebec shall be considered by the government before account is taken of the rest of Canada, nor by any extreme free trade demand, whether it comes from the prairies or the seaboards, but a policy which will serve to minimize our economic differences and enlarge our essential unity by a regard for the greatest good of the greatest number and that covers Canada as a whole. Such a policy, I believe, is the present Liberal policy of a revenue tariff.

On immigration he said:

We can solve the problem of immigration, not by listening to the demand of those short-sighted employers of labor who would glut the labor market, and who delight in a residue of unemployed, nor by being held at bay by an equally short-sighted policy on the part of some organizations of labor that would stop immigration altogether, but by a due regard to the size of our country, to the necessity of the development of its natural resources, to the quality as well as to the quantity of the people who are brought in and who are to become part and parcel of our citizenry. Again, the ideal of national unity can be realized only as the waste spaces are brought under cultivation and the sparsely-settled areas robbed of their condition of loneliness and isolation, and population of a wholesome, vigorous and industrious type distributed more evenly over all parts of our land.

On the question of freight rates he said:

We can solve the problem of transportation, baffling though at the moment it may appear, not by giving heed only to the representations of the large transportation centres, nor to the demands for special favors or consideration from any part or any class of the country, but by this same ideal of national unity, which will never be realized until such equalization of rates has been effected between all parts of our Dominion that no one part will have cause to feel that its interests are being prejudiced by or sacrificed to unfair and unjust discr..mination to serve the interests of other parts.

Once again, following his usual custom, Mr. King was constructing a chart rather than stating a policy. What kind of a tariff policy, for example, would "minimize our economic differences and enlarge our essential unity," when for many years to come the surplus produce of the prairie provinces as well as that of the maritime provinces must flow out of the country? Obviously, one which would progressively reduce the cost of production of these exports. Mr. King defends the tariff policy of the government expressly on those grounds, but he told his Toronto audience that there would be no further immediate reductions of the tariff. In other words, while it is essential to promote national unity by minimizing economic differences, the government will go no further than it has gone in that direction. Like the preceding Liberal government, one step in the direction of "minimizing economic differences" enough for it.

To steer a middle course between those who would throw open wide the doors to immigrants and those who would close them altogether, is simple common sense. Quality is as essential as quantity, and what is equally essential is that there shall be some direction of the flow of immigration so that there shall not be repeated the blunders of

the past. What is the government going to do in that respect?

Equalization of freight rates sounds good, but what does it mean in the mind of Mr. King? It would be possible to get equalization by raising rates. It is also not clear what Mr. King means by the reference to "demands for special favors or consideration from any part or any class of the country." If this includes the Crow's Nest Pass agreement, the answer is that the agreement is not a "special favor," and if equalization is to take place without regard to the minimum rates guaranteed under that agreement the injustice complained of in the West will not be removed. Mr. King might also have remembered, before making this statement, that in some other countries with economic problems similar to that of Canada, special consideration with regard to freight rates has been given to that class of producers which cannot be protected, and upon whom a tariff presses with undue severity, and, in fact, is a discriminatory tax. The promotion of national unity is a splendid ideal, but it is the ideal of all parties, and Mr. King has left the country still in the dark as to how, in practice, he intends to keep moving toward the ideal.

#### On His Feet

Under the title of Another Whimper From the West, the Montreal Standard, one of the lordly publications of that city, in more than one sense, has the following to

> The plain truth seems to be that the western farmer was satisfied enough as long as he was getting special privileges, like the Crow's Nest rates, or favorable decisions from the Railway Board, but that when justice swung to the other side, and he was asked to take his share of the white man's burden, he promptly began to yell.

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> The great trouble with the Western Brother is selfishness. He sees only his own nose. He is, this year, under the direct glance of Providence. He gets a world-shortage price for his wheat; the implement manufacturers have cut their prices to the bone; he gets his agricultural machinery at a figure which will let him leave it to rust in the field with even more carelessness than usual. In a word, he has both ends playing for the middlethe highest price for his wheat and the lowest price for his implements of production-and still, like the daughters of the Horse Leech, he cries for more. It is about time that the government took a firm hand with the West ern Brother and told him to go home and meet the world on his feet, as other men do.

The Standard speaks in the most approved Atholstanian manner; anybody who does not fall in with the paternally-benevolent and majestically-impartial policies of Lord Atholstan and the Atholstan class, is "selfish." They find the existing order of things good; it has brought them wealth and title, and they command the things that make life comfortable, even luxurious. happy and contented; why, therefore, in the name of the easy doctrine of letting wellenough alone, cannot the western farmer be contented, and let the gentlemen of Montreal who know what is good for them (selves) manage the affairs of the country? Besides. look at the present price of wheat!

The papers owned by Lord Atholstan like to talk like that. They also have the habit of advising the western farmer to "go home and meet the world on his feet, as other men do." Do the classes for which they speak "meet the world" on their feet? Do the bankers and the transportation interests with their state-given monopolies? Do the manufacturers with their state-given tariff privileges? The bankers charge higher rates of interest in the West than in the East; the

railways have higher freight rates in the West than in the East, rates which have enabled the C.P.R. to pay its dividends out of western business; the manufacturers pass on the tariff taxes to be paid out of the prices the West receives for its produce in a free world market. That is the way the Eastern Brother "meets the world on his feet." When the "Western Brother" protests against the tearing up of an agreement which did mitigate the admitted discrimination in freight rates; when he raises his voice against the higher interest rates he is ealled upon to pay, and when he endeavors to secure an approach to equality in the prices he has to pay for the goods he buys. and the goods he has to sell-when, in a word, he asks for a square deal, he is called "selfish," and a "whimperer."

The plain and simple truth is that the "Western Brother" is meeting the world on his feet and is carrying these other men on his shoulders. A reference to the index figures of prices will show that he has suffered far more than any industry from the depression of the last few years. He has had to "grin and bear it," and he did not, like so many manufacturing industries in the East, ask that he be protected against the world so that he might pass his burdens on to his neighbors. The "Western Brother" has always met the world on his feet, which is more than can be said for the interests for which the Montreal Standard speaks.

#### **Immigration Problems**

Premier Greenfield told the Ottawa Canadian Club, a few weeks ago, that we need more people in this country to "thicken up our existing settlements" where we already have railways, roads and schools, and thus increase the national revenue without incurring additional overhead expenditure. This is one of the important points to remember in considering our immigration prob-Iem. Had it been kept in mind years ago we should not now be faced with such a heavy burden for the maintenance of too many railways and other facilities. The settlement of this country was carried out with utter disregard of common-sense business principles, and, consequently, when our population was about a million we had opened up territory capable of accommodating comfortably 15,000,000 to 20,000,000 people. Some of the territory was not suitable for grain growing, and is being abandoned until such time as a type of agriculture is developed for which it is suited. Immigrants brought into the country today should be located only in those communities already served by the facilities of civilization, and where it has been demonstrated that farming can be carried on with a reasonable prospect of success. Under no circumstances should new areas be opened up until the settled areas are well served and well populated.

Mr. Greenfield also pointed out a fact well-known in this country, that previous agricultural experience in the life of a new settler is not absolutely essential to making good on the land in Western Canada. It is quite true, nevertheless, that experience in a similar type of agriculture is a great advantage, while certain experiences in agriculture in other parts of the world might be a decided detriment. Some boosters for immigration favor bringing large numbers of peasants from parts of Continental Europe simply because they are of a people who have been on the soil for many genera-

tions, have never had much, and won't expect much. In many cases, however, their type of agriculture has been of such a crude nature, and on such a small scale, that it is of little practical use as a preliminary to successful farming in this country. Furthermore, there are many people on the land in various parts of the world whom we don't want here. Those responsible for bringing immigrants into this country should be compelled to exercise a rigid policy of selection, and an equally wise policy should be followed in assisting the settler to locate. We have a real problem on our hands in establishing agriculture generally, on a basis of reasonable and permanent prosperity for those already on the land, and while a business-like immigration policy will make for the welfare of the country at large, an unwise policy will be equally detrimental to all concerned.

#### The Duty on Woolens

At a meeting of technicians in the textile trades, at Toronto, on January 9, George A. Dobbie, president of the Canadian Woolen and Knit Goods Manufacturing Association, said, among other things:

In the years 1922 and 1923, the tariff on woolen and knit goods was reduced, placing the industry in a precarious position, so that it is incumbent on all in the industry to see that tariff reform is brought about.

In 1922 the British preference on certain woolens was increased 2½ per cent.; in 1923 some very slight changes were made affecting generally the British preference. These are the tariff changes to which Mr. Dobbie refers, and which, he states, have placed the woolen industry in this country in "a precarious position," so precarious that all those employed in the industry are asked to make it their business to see that the reductions are wiped out and the tariff raised.

Frankly, we cannot believe that the life of the woolen industry in this country hangs on so fine a thread as a  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. duty on British woolens. Under the present tariff the woolen industry enjoys a protection of from 20 to  $27\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. under the British preference, and 35 per cent. under the general tariff. The British preference on blankets is  $22\frac{1}{2}$  per cent.; on clothing,  $27\frac{1}{2}$  per cent.; on flannels and underwear, 20 per cent; on socks and stockings, 25 per cent., the general tariff on these goods being 35 per cent.

The woolen industry has always been the favored child of the tariff. When the British preference was increased to one-third of the general tariff, in 1900, the industry protested strongly, and demanded that the duties on woolen goods under the British preference should never be less than 30 per cent. ad valorem. Mr. Fielding, in 1904, yielded to this demand, and thus put the woolen industry in a favored position compared with other industries of the country. Reductions that have subsequently taken place have simply removed the favoritism; the British preference on woolens, today, is no greater than on other goods, and so far as the tariff goes, the woolen industry is in no worse position than other industries which have to meet keen outside competition, and in a much better position than some of them. If the industry is in a precarious position it is not because of the reductions in the tariff, but because of the general depression of the last few years which has seriously affected all business alike, and none worse than agriculture. There has been a heavy decrease in purchasing power and the woolen industry, like other industries, has felt it. Given a more active economic condition, which the country is approaching, according to the predictions of business prophets, the industry ought to be quite able to stand the reduction

of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. in the duty on British woolens, and even more.

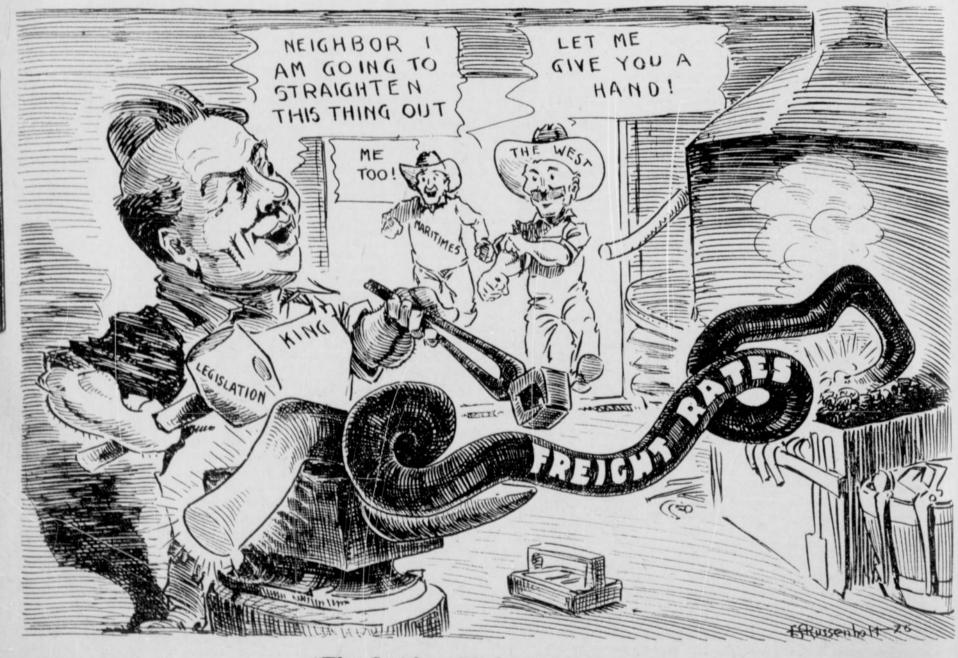
#### **Editorial Notes**

The United States is to share in German reparations, and a conference at Paris has determined the share. The way the United States is being forced by the cold realities of world conditions to take a chance in European entanglements must be the despair of the friends of a policy of splendid isolation.

The Crow's Nest Pass agreement freight rates which were in force from July 7 to October 27, when the order of the Board of Railway Commissioners, setting aside the agreement, came into effect, were restored on January 9. The main question now is: Will they remain in force after the Supreme Court has decided what the law on the matter is?

In the last fiscal year Great Britain paid about \$470,000,000 off her national debt. That is a lot of money, but it will take that amount every year for 75 years to pay off the debt, to say nothing about the amount it will take during that time for interest charges. The expenditure for interest and management of the debt during the last fiscal year was over \$1,500,000,000, or about 39 per cent. of the total ordinary expenditure of the government. Is it any wonder the British people want to know what is going to be done about those inter-allied war debts?

A woman in Vancouver wants to qualify for the position of captain of a ship owned and operated by her husband. The law says that "examinations may be conducted for British subjects or for persons domiciled in Canada," etc., and now the Department of Justice is wrestling with the ponderous problem: Is a woman a person?



"The Smith a Mighty Man Is He"
(That's What He Says—We'll Wait and See)

# Fallows that Pay Dividends

HEN I started farming in Alberta in 1907, I was strongly of the opinion that if wheat farming was to continue we must find some cultivated crop to take the place of bare summerfallow. I could not see how we could expect to work the land two seasons and pay two years' overhead expenses out of the uncertain returns from one crop.

The potato crop seemed to offer the best solution of the problem, but after some experimentation I gave it up in favor of fodder corn. I started with a three-acre plot of ordinary yellow Dent corn in 1915, and with the abundant moisture of that season produced such a heavy growth of fodder that it could only be harvested by hand.

The succeeding year I tried Northwestern Dent, and found in normal seasons it could be harvested with a grain binder, and seemed to leave the land in just as good tilth for a wheat crop as the bare land. In the early spring of 1918, I equipped myself with a checkrow planter and two two-rowed corn cultivators, and seeded about 250 acres

of my first plowing of summerfallow land to corn.

I left about 30 acres of land in this first field bare and worked it just the same as that which was seeded, in order to make a careful test of the comparative yields of wheat the following year. There was sufficient moisture in the soil when we were plowing during the last part of May and the early part of June to germinate the seed and give me an excellent stand of about three stalks per hill, but the season remained so dry that the crop only attained an average height of about two and a half to three and a half feet, with no signs of any ears, except in a few low spots where the snow water accumulated a few inches deep in the early spring. In these low spots the corn reached a height of about five feet, and we harvested it with the grain binders and stored it in the barn when it was fairly well cured, mixing it load for load with wheat straw. We then turned cattle on the balance of the field and they cleaned it off before winter came, so there was nothing left to hold snow.

#### Corn Land Equalled Fallow

The next season this field was seeded to wheat without any cultivation except to harrow behind the drills when the wheat was starting. There was no time during the season when any difference could be seen between the corn land and what had been left bare.

Growing conditions were similar to 1918, up to about the end of July, when we had a good rain, which, although too late to help the grain, was just in time to keep the corn going. The 190-acre field I had seeded was a good stand, and stood about six to seven feet high, and was just at the stage of maturity when the earliest ears were reaching the roasting ear stage when we begun harvesting it with the grain binders.

We stooked it up soon after cutting and let it stand in the field until it was needed for the cattle during the winter months. It proved to be the best feed I had ever used for stocker cattle.

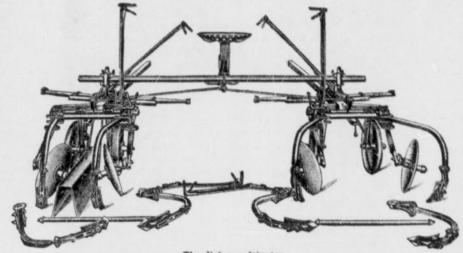
This increased my confidence in this system to such an extent that I invested in a second check-row planter and more cultivators, and decided to seed just as much of my summerfallow land to corn each year as I could get plowed before it was too late for it to have a reasonable chance to make a crop of fodder.

In 1920, I harvested from this field which had produced this fodder, a wheat crop better than 40 bushels of No. 1 Northern per acre, and the field which had been in corn in 1918, produced better than 30 bushels of wheat per acre, although it was just drilled in on the

stubble about the last days of May.

The spring of 1920 was so late that by the time I had finished seeding grain it was getting very late, and I only seeded about 150 acres to corn. Cutworms took most of my first seeding and the later seeding did not make much of a crop, but in 1921, the wheat on this land was much better than on the summerfallow land. However, the

W.D. Tregorelates his experience on growing summerfallow substitutes---1924 bad year for corn---Must average several years to make a fair conclusion



The lister cultivator

Every farmer who lists a big acreage of corn should have both the lister cultivator and the wheel-guide cultivator, says Mr. Trego.

spring.

ordinary horse rakes.

were no corn binders to be had in

Western Canada just at that time, so

I finally decided to cut it with the

mowers and rake it up with the

I thought very seriously of turning the stock right in and letting them pasture it off, but I was afraid they

would get foundered as there was no

many big ears of corn and matured

waste a good deal and leave so much trash on the land that it would inter-

fere with the grain drill the next

Many people estimated this field at from 12 to 15 tons of green feed per

acre. After cutting had been in pro-

gress a few days we started the horse

rows for about two weeks we turned

them with the rakes so as to allow the

under sides to dry. Later the fodder

was raked into as big piles as we could

before snow came we had some windy

weather which blew dust into the piles.

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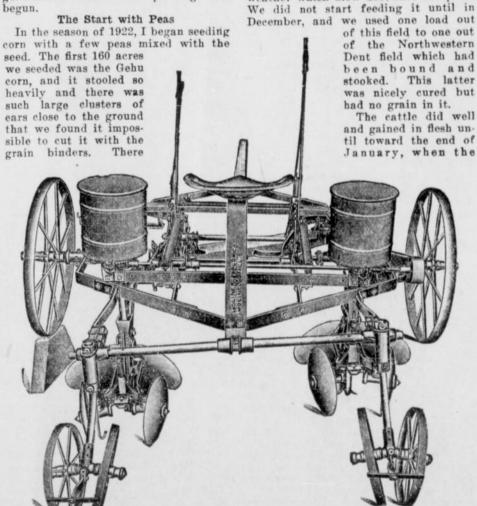
summerfallow work was done too late to get the best results, so I did not

consider that a fair comparison.

In 1921 I got an earlier start with my work and seeded about 400 acres to corn, but the cutworms took the most of

The worst trouble I had with weeds up to this time was a part of the field I had in corn during the season of 1920, which had become badly infested with wild buckwheat. The spring being very late, I did not get time to disc this field to start the weeds. The buckwheat which was turned under came up in the hills of corn as much as any other part of the field, and it climbed up the corn stalks so there was no chance to get it out even by hand work. In that part of the field the wheat the following year was reduced in yield by about one half.

This convinced me that I must find some way of destroying the weeds before the crop was seeded, and I began paying more attention to fall and early spring cultivation to get the weed seeds germinated before the plowing was begun.



A two-row lister

snow got deep enough to drift over the piles of corn. A few days later the inevitable chinook came which melted the snow and let it trickle down through the piles turning the dust into mud. By that time the other field was finished, and the cattle would only mince around over the dirty corn, eating only when they were hungry. We soon lost all we had put on them and they sold at a loss.

In the light of later experiences I feel

In the light of later experiences I feel sure that if I had got the cattle early in September and turned them in this field after getting them accustomed to the feed gradually and let them do their own harvesting, they would have cleaned up the field nicely before snow came, and we could easily have had the cattle in prime condition and made a good profit by marketing in January.

Enter the Lister

That spring a neighbor of mine who had been watching my corn experiments purchased a two - rowed lister and started one man with six horses listing his stubble and seeding corn. I soon found that he was seeding just as much land per day as I was seeding with six men and 34 head of horses, and I began to watch his operations very closely.

After we had been seeding about a week, I made a careful examination of my seed and seed-bed and of his, and found that he was getting a much quicker and more uniform germination. He was depositing his seed right down in the bettom of the furrows on the firm subsoil where there was the most moisture, His covering discs were drawing enough fine soil over the seed to cover it well and keep the air out, he was getting a perfect germination, but he had nothing following the discs to firm down the soil and break up the lumps. Wherever the air was getting to his seed it was too dry to germinate.

I had put on what is called a "furrow opener" on my planters that spring in order to get the plants down in a little furrow where I would have a chance to roll the soil in around the plants and smother the tiny weeds when they were just starting. My little furrow was all filled up with the first harrowing. My neighbor's furrows were wide and deep, and while he could not roll much soil down during the first cultivation, by the time he came to do the second cultivation the corn was well above the ground and he could roll in all he wanted to in order to cover up every weed.

Lister Aided Against Weeds

Another thing I discovered was that his listers had thrown the weed seeds all up between the rows where the cultivators could destroy them as they germinated. He had no weeds in the rows until he rolled a few seeds down with the soil in the first cultivation, and he could get the weeds from these seeds as they started later.

At the end of the season he had just about as much corn per acre as I had of the similar varieties, and his land was freer from weeds, and looked to be in about as good tilth. Most important of all his expense had been fully \$3.00 per acre less than mine.

I added three two-rowed listers to my equipment, and as soon as I got my first field cleared of wheat that fall I started listing for the next season's corn crop. I only aimed to run the listers deep enough to throw sufficient soil up into the stubble to make a good germinating bed for the weed seeds. The subsoilers were run about two to three inches in depth, which opened a gash in the bottom of the furrow to permit the moisture from the melting snows to pene-trate the subsoil readily and not allow it to run off into the low spots in the field. The soil which the subsoilers threw up, with what rolled back from the sides of the furrows, created enough mulch in the bottom of the furrows to prevent what moisture was in the subsoil from escaping.

These furrows made an ideal place for the winter snows to lodge. Every chinook we had settled it down and made room for more on top.

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## The Common Framework of Animals

Skeleton of the Ox

of the common origin of animals

HERE is no clearer evidence

than their common framework. How else could the skeletons of frogs, turtles, birds and mammals be practically the same
—the same bones, with the same names, although the function may have greatly changed? If you know one skeleton, you know all skeletons. All the higher animals are quadrupeds four limbed, whether in water, in air or on land. All the fish of the sea have two pair of fins-two shoulder fins, and two hip fins. And the birds of the air have two pair of limbs-the forward pair being modified into wings, but with the same bones as the reptiles from which they have descended. Two of the fingers have disappeared, and two of the joints of the thumb, but otherwise the bones of a wing are the same as those of our arm, humerus, ulna and radius, two carpals, a pollex or one-joint thumb, an elonated metacarpus and two reduced fingers. Flight has made these changes necessary, also the ability to fold the forearm, compactly when at rest. One toe has disappeared, otherwise the leg of the bird is the same as that of other animals. Only the snake and the

This common framework consists of a spinal column, with a shoulder girdle and a hip girdle. The spinel column originated as a protection to the spinal cord, in the earliest forms of fish, but soon took on other duties such as supporting the head and fins and extending into a tail. The paired fins of fish are very weak, as are also the legs of reptiles, but life on land and in air strengthened the limbs, until the hips and shoulders

eel have lost their legs through disuse, and even the larger snakes

have vestigial remains of former

of the higher animals, contain the largest bones in the body. The erect posture of man has thrown all the weight on the hip which has, therefore, become the heaviest and strongest bone in our bodies. Use makes form; but without a common origin how would different uses of limbs produce the same bones we find in the limbs of all animals?

#### Some Fore Limb Variations

The fore limbs or all animals-frogs, reptiles, birds and mammals, are sup-ported by a shoulder blade (scapula), a collar-bone (clavicle) and composed

of an upper arm (humerus), a forearm (ulna and radius), a carpus or wrist, and a hand of originally five fingers, but sometimes modified by use to four in the pig, the tapir and the frog, to three in the bird, to two in the cow. and to one in the horse.

The wonder is that such vastly different functions through acons of time, have not produced greater modifica-tions than variation in length of the same bones. Even the flippers of the whale, which has been swimming since tertiary times, some millions of years, have five fingers and all the rest of the bones of a normal fore limb. The wings of the flying "If you know one skeleton you know them all" says Prof. V. W. Jackson Manitoba Agricultural College

foxes, vampires and bats have also all the fingers and bones of a normal fore

#### Some Hind Leg Modifications

The hind limbs of vertebrates show even more striking similarity. The hip girdle consists of pubis, ilium and ischium in all, and the leg consists

The Human Skeleton

Although external appearance gives the idea of a confusing multiplicity of animal forms, the scalpel of the scientist reveals one common design, with almost an unbroken succession of small changes from the most primitive types to the higher animal forms.

of femur, tibia and fibula (usually fused) tarsus, metatarsus and usually five toes. The bird has lost one, the kangaroo two, the cow three, and the horse four; but otherwise, these legs have the same bones. The hoofed animals stand on their toes and so the foot is vertical and the heel high off the ground, in the horse 18 inches high, due to the elongated metatarsal.

In the human foot the metatarsals are comparatively short and form only part of the arch. known as the instep, the spring

of which gives ease and grace of stride, and takes the jar off the leg which presses on the arch by means of the astragalus, the heel bone (calcaneum) and the big toe forming the ends of the arch which makes a springy step possible, and distinguishes the human foot from all other planti-grade or flat-footed mimals. This is the "gym" test for sound feet-step on a wet towel and then on the floor, and if your foot prints in the middle, you have weak arches, and should take toe exer-

How different the foot of the bear-flat on the ground like a pad. Notice the cal-

luses on the metartarsals of a bear's foot, from ground contact. The dog is only semi-plantigrade, the instep and heel being raised off the ground, only the forward toe-joints touch the ground. The cat is somewhat the same, but more flat-footed, having three joints on the ground.

Tails that Serve a Purpose

Gophers and moles have developed a spade-like foot, by digging and pushing dirt, but still have five claws and the same bones as in our instep, only short, compact and thickened by hard usage. The prehensile habits of apes and monkeys have greatly elongated the toe-joints and tail bones. The sitting posture of the kangaroo has greatly strengthened and lengthened the tail, by which the animal supports itself during rest and defence. The jumping habit has greatly lengthened the tibia-fibula, the calcaneum and the tarsus. The long middle toe is for defence, the animal striking forward with its strong jumping legs, while sup-ported by its strong tail.

The pouch bones (marsupials), by means of which the kangaroo carries its helpless young, are for-ward projections from the pubic bones, perhaps developed from the interpubic cartilage. Only the nonplacental mammals-the kangaroo, the wombat and the opossum have these marsupial bones, and are called marsupial animals. They are the lowest of the mammals. The duck-billed platypus even lays eggs, although it is a true mammal with fur and suckles its young.

It is on account of the similarity of skeletons that one's attention is naturally attracted by any dif-ferences. These differences are ferences. These differences are mostly modifications of toes, due to different means of locomotion. The main part of the skeleton remains much the same in all animals, and evidence of an evolution from a common origin. The frog, the lowest of the land quadrupeds, has a skeleton which seems to have been the pattern for all the rest. Its limbs have the same bones ours, and so these bones have the

The Bat's Skeleton The similarity between this and the human skeleton is most arresting. The fingers have become wing supports and terminate in a claw, forerunner of the human finger-nail.



Skeleton of the Horse

same names. If you know the bones of the human skeleton you can easily name the bones in any other skeleton. In the shoulder of the frog we find the double brace-a clavicle and a coracoid, which persists through reptiles and birds, showing a common line of descent. Fossil remains of primitive birds have been found showing long tail, teeth, swivel





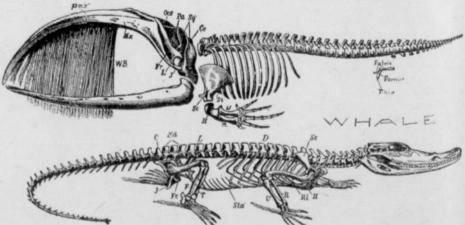
These two Ape skeletons show something of the transition from the horizontal position to the erect posture as seen in man. The long fore limb of the gorilla is an aid to locomotion as well as an organ of prehension.

head, scaly arms and legs, with five claws, coracoid bone, and other evidences of descent from reptiles.

The short back-bone and long hip-bones (Ilium) of the frog are the result of its jumping habit, making it strong in the lumbar or kidney region, where we are weak.

#### You'd Never Guess This

The shell, which distinguishes the turtles from other animals, is the fused expansion ribs or the lateral processes of the vertebrae, joined to dermal



The skeleton of even so diverse a creature as the whale, shows a remarkable similarity to the kuman skeleton. That is easily understandable when it is remembered that the whale is a mammal which has given up life ashore and taken to marine life again. Through disuse the bones of the hind limb have nearly disappeared.

Straighten out the legs of the crocodile and dock him, and the innocent layman might easily mistake his skeleton for that of a bacon hog.





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It is somewhat of a shock to realize the close resemblance between the skeletons of the frog and the turtle on the one hand, with those of the higher animals. Above is the skeleton of a kangaroo. The inset shows how the pouch bone is attached to the hip bone.

plates on the underside. Otherwise the inner skeleton is quite the same as any other quadruped. The legs have been shortened and the humerus and femur bent, that they might be drawn under

the protection of the shell, but the bones are the same as in any other legs. Flight has greatly modified the bird skeleton, but the parrot has inherited a knee cap (patella) for which it has

no use and fingers which it could well do without. These remain to tell us the story of evolution. We have magnified slight modifications to show changes that have taken place, as in the horse's hoof, but that framework common to all animals tells of a common origin and shows the line of descent and relationship of our domestic animals.

## Heating the House with Straw

James E. Moscrip describes a home-made contrivance which will enable a farmer to make a cut in his fuel bill

WING to the shortage of coal and scarcity of money the fuel question is becoming serious, and before spring no doubt many of us will be keeping our homes warm with straw, which, by the way, is not very hard, especially if flax straw is available. When I was a child in North Dakota a great many people burned straw every winter and prairie chips in the summer. It was not so difficult then as the houses were small and people were more willing to live within their means. At that time one could go to the hardware store and buy anything, from a straw drum to set on a cook stove to a complete straw base burner, with two holes to cook on and an oven on the pipe to do the baking.

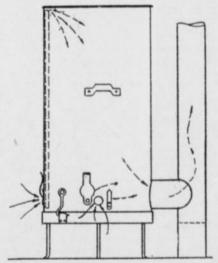
The main thing is to get a couple of good drums made. Oil drums are too heavy to handle unless there are two Besides, a straw drum was generally four feet high and about the same diameter as an oil drum. Most oil drums are three feet high. It is very necessary to have two drums, so one can be burning during the night and the other filled ready to light when getting up in the morning.

These drums must have a hole in the side, very near the bottom (about three inches), to connect with a stove pipe Just a hole to stick the pipe into will do, but if a two-inch flange is rivetted to the drum it will make a tighter joint. The drum must be air-tight above the stove pipe or it will smoke up the room. The draught holes must have covers strong enough to stand the bumps of handling. The bottom should have a lid with a two or three-inch flange to keep the straw from falling out and keep the ashes in the drum until you are ready to empty it. The bottom should fit snug and be held on with a couple of hooks.

The above is a description of the drums that were in general use, but a few had an improvement that was claimed to make them less liable to puff smoke into the room, and burn a little steadier without attention. The improvement was an air vent from one of the draft holes to the top of the drum on the inside, to carry fresh air to the top to come down through the straw. It consisted of a strip of sheet iron four or five inches wide, bent in such a manner that when rivetted to the inside of the drum it would leave

an opening about one by three inches from top to bottom of drum and open at both sides. One draught opened into this vent. There were three draught holes about one and one-half inches in diameter.

Of course, if a person is willing to fill a container often enough he can keep a house warm with a wash boiler turned upside down over the two front lids of a cook stove. One time during a snow blockade I kept a house 14 feet by 20 feet warm with wheat straw for a couple of months. All I had was a 22-gallon kerosene drum with one end cut out. I turned it upside down over one of the front lids of my cook stove and let one edge project a couple of inches over the hearth to give it

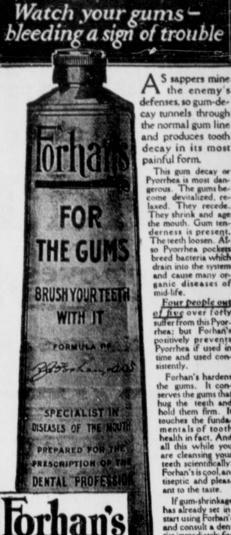


A home-made straw burner for domestic heating

This model of a straw drum is designed to can be placed on the floor. If one is desired that can be placed on the top of the cook stove, no legs will be required. These drums must be built as nearly air-tight as possible, without the use of solder. Broste Bros., of Court, Sask., successfully put the upper ends in these drums with a lock joint, without the use of special tools, by putting a false end of wood in while flanging and clinching the joint. If nail holes are made they must be filled with rivets.

draught. I saw it red hot within six inches of the top. We did our cooking on an oil stove. I slid a sheet of iron under the drum to keep in ashes while turning it over to take it out to empty the ashes. I kept the straw in the

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good grade of goal. However, if any one does find a way to make straw heating equal to coal, kindly let us all know through The Guide how it is

Above all things be careful about fire. When emptying ashes from the drum spread them thinly on snow if possible, away from everything combustible. I have known fire to remain in straw ashes over 24 hours, and if the wind rises it may blow sparks into the banking around the house or else-

Some people used to take off the front door of the cook stove and replace it with one made of iron plate with a flange in it to connect with the drums, by that means using the stove for cooking as well as making more heating surface. With this arrangement one edge of the drum sat or hearth and the opposite edge on some kind of support in front of the stove. Now this support must not be made of wood and it must be solid, because if knocked out of place by children or other means and a red-hot drum of burning straw falls on the floor, the results may be very serious. It is dangerous to set a drum of ashes on the

If galvanized iron is used to make drums or other equipment that is liable to become very hot, it should be heated red hot with a straw fire in the yard before using, because the fumes thrown off by the galvanizing the first

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done, so we can all benefit by it. where and start a fire.

floor even if apparently dead.

time heated are poisonous. After once heated red it is the same as black iron.

A very common way to use the straw drum where wood is the fuel for cooking is to set the drum on top of the stove, connecting with the first length of pipe, being a T pipe. When burning wood it will only be necessary to remove the drum and place a tin lid over the opening in the T pipe.

If it is desired to use the drums alone without a stove, a piece of iron three or four feet square should be nailed to the floor. The lid on the bottom of the drum should have three or four legs rivetted to it to raise the drum about eight inches from the floor. The pipe should be securely fastened to the iron nailed to the floor with a T pipe the right height to connect the drum. The pipe between the T and the floor must be filled with dirt or ashes for safety.

If a fair sized house is built warm it can be kept comfortable in ordinary winter weather with from four to six drums of good dry flax straw or about six or eight drums of dry wheat straw. There is always considerable heat goes up the pipe, especially when firing heavily, so it would save straw and work if a radiator or drum were used on the pipe. Our shop is 24 feet by 50 feet and we have kept one-half of it warm with wheat straw while working in it for 12 winters. We find it very satisfactory.

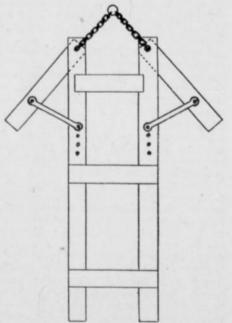
Taming "Squaw Corn"
The introduction of early ripening varieties of corn opens a new chapter in our agriculture. We now have varieties of corn that will ripen wherever wheat will. The corn belt has moved northward to Fort Vermilion on the Peace River. Howes Alberta Flint corn will bring as much wealth to Western Canada as did Marquis wheat. Why have not these early varieties of corn come into more general use?

First, at present there is no machine on the market for harvesting them; second, planted in the ordinary manner they give a low yield of grain and

How can these objections to their use be overcome? We think that from our experience we can give the answer.

We grew Squaw corn and two varieties of home-bred corn exclusively, in our early efforts with corn, but discontinued their use because of the objections mentioned above. We have tried for a generation to adapt our corn crops to existing corn machinery, but we have gone at the problem the wrong way, we must adapt corn machinery to the early varieties of corn.

The Squaw types of corn bear the



The home-mad orn cutter described in Mr. McLaren's article

The skids are 6 x 6, eight feet long, and set at 18-inch centres. The cutter bars are of plow-share steel and are three feet long.

ears so close to the ground that no harvesting machine, not even a mower, can get under the ears without running into the ground. A machine that will cut the corn stalks just above the surface of the ground, thus getting under the ears, is what is needed. That is, a machine modelled after the various types of bush cutters. The writer has tried out such a machine, a rough drawing of which is given; it is modelled after the "sled" corn cutter, but the cutting blades must be made of plowshare steel. Any handy-man who has blacksmith outfit can make this

Having cut the corn the next step is to rake the rows cross-ways with a horse rake, then stack the corn in long, narrow stacks. Cutting should be de-layed until the corn is thoroughly ripe; the raking should not be done for a week or ten days after the corn is cut. in order that the stalks may be as dry as possible. We have never had corn handled in this manner heat or mould in the stack.

If the grain is wanted the crop may be threshed with the ordinary grain separator, otherwise the crop can be fed to horses, cattle, hogs, sheep or

Dealing with the second objection, that of low yield, we find that the Lethbridge Experimental Station reports an average yield of 11 bushels of shelled corn per acre when Squaw corn was planted in three-foot check rows. The weight of an ear of these early varieties runs from four to six ounces. The weight of an ear of corn in the corn belt is from eight ounces to one pound.

We have found that thick planting can be practiced with Squaw corn without decreasing the size of the ear. It is well known that thick planting with ordinary varieties means fewer and

smaller cobs.

We have repeatedly planted half a bushel of Squaw corn per acre, and harvested 22 bushels of shelled corn per acre. In drilling these early varieties we placed the rows three feet apart and the kernels six inches apart in the row. If the corn is planted in hills the rows could be placed three feet apart and the hills two feet apart in the rows. With the ordinary corn planter it would be necessary to purchase a special checking wire with the links two feet apart or use the automatic dropping device.

A corn cultivator or an ordinary cuffler may be used for cross cultivation when hills are spaced two feet apart, but it is necessary to use small horses. In the humid sections of the West, anywhere that drought is not a limiting factor in crop yields, this thick planting could be more advantageously practiced than in the semiarid regions. In the humid, rich soil regions of the Park belt, yields of 50 and 60 bushels per acre would be obtained. We have had yields of 40 bushels of shelled corn per acre from

test plots of Squaw corn.

The yields of Assiniboine yellow corn obtained at Fargo, North Dakota, are of interest. Assiniboine is the Pipestone Squaw corn, improved by Wells and Company; 1921, 36 bushels per acre; 1922, 52 bushels; 1923, 44 bushels. The yield of fodder by this method would be heavy.

What do these early varieties of corn mean to the settler in the North? The future will tell.

To the farmers of the southern prairies, growing these early varieties of corn offer great possibilities. To mention one-planted the first week in June they are ripe the first week in September. One objection to corn growing is that it interferes with planting small grains. If we could postpone corn planting until the first week in June, we could overcome this difficulty and use these early varieties of corn as a summerfallow substitute, without upsetting the practice followed on most of our prairie farms.

Corn is referred to as a "semi-tropical" plant, but the success of a few corn growers throughout the West, in a season like 1924, shows that corn will adapt itself to a wide range of temperature and conditions .- Gordon McLaren, Pipe

stone, Man.

Is There Luck in Farming?

The Editor: In your issue of Decem ber 17, there is an interesting article by Dr. Seager Wheeler, but he makes a statement that I think it only right should be challenged.

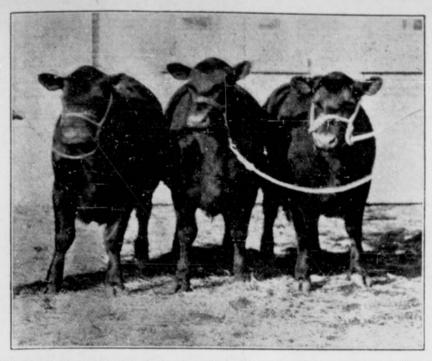
The statement is as follows: "Luck is a factor that may be eliminated, as it plays no important part in erop production", and so on until he makes the extraordinary statement of all: have never had a crop failure or even a poor crop.'' Such a statement coming from him is most misleading and not at

to heat a house with straw, some of them very successful, especially one near Compeer, Alta., where we chanced to stop through a blizzard. This man had a large family, and, like most of us, had to plan carefully to make both ends meet. He built a straw burner of stone and fired it from the outside. It projected into the house about six feet and was about four feet wide and four feet high. It had the top of an old stove built into the top, and also, mounted a little above the top at another point, was a wooden tank with a two-inch gas pipe projecting down into the fire box and capped on the lower end.

While his wife was preparing supper he was outside firing, and the tank of water was rapidly heating, making considerable noise as the water would run down the pipe and return to the tank like a miniature geyser. After supper was prepared he filled it with straw and came in and did not fire any more until his wife prepared breakfast.

We slept on the floor in the same room with the straw burner and on rising were surprised at the heat of the room as there was no other source of heat, but on examining the straw burner we found it so hot we could not bear our hands on it. Although the straw burner was very inconvenient his family did not suffer from cold, and in the spring, no doubt, he was \$75 or \$100 ahead.

Anyone rigging up a house to heat it with straw must not be disappointed if it takes a little more time and patience than is required to burn a



This group of three steers, bred and raised at the Manitoba Agricultural College, won second prizes at the Brandon, Guelph and Toronto Winter Fairs, in 1924. Shown as individuals they won first, second and third at Toronto, and one of them was grand champion Aberdeen-Angus steer at the two Ontario shows.

all in accord with the experience of any farmer I have ever met, and certainly not with that of my own. I have farmed in Manitoba for well over 30 years, and while I make no pretense to be a super-farmer, I have a modicum of brains and common sense and know something of the principles that underly prairie farming. Dr. Wheeler is not the only farmer who has worked hard and with brains to prepare the land and put in his crop, but he certainly is the first I have come across who can say "I have never had even a poor crop.

Can Dr. Wheeler or anyone else sidestep at all times such things as rust, Hessian fly, sawfly, frost, lack of rain, too much rain, dry scorching wind, heavy windstorms in spring and harvest, grasshoppers, inability to do certain work at the right time, and the consequences that flow therefrom, not to mention the weed menace.

I am not saying that we can do nothing to alleviate these things, we can and we do, but we cannot overcome them all, at all times. It is absurd to say that farming is not a gamble, it is, and it always will be. We can do what we can to minimize the drawbacks, but ever and anon an overshadowing power that is stronger than we are, takes toll of our best exertions.

It is statements like these from such men as Dr. Wheeler that leave the impression, so general with those not conversant with ordinary farm practice, that farmers are a poor lot and simply do not know their own business.

Personally, many of my most unsatisfactory results have followed most carefully done work, and many of my most satisfactory yields have followed methods of work that did not accord with my intentions or wishes, but were forced on me by circumstances.

Farming is not a cut-and-dried scheme whose practice never varies. What is good this year may be far otherwise another, and we can only follow certain general principles and work them out as best we may when the time comes round, always assured that there will be lean as well as fat years.—A Manitoba Farmer.

Seager Wheeler's Reply

The Editor .- I am in receipt of yours of January 3, in connection with "Manitoba Farmer's" letter. In reply I would say that I do not intend to carry on any controversy over any statements of mine made in an article published in The Guide, as entry they are simple facts, whether they are challenged or not.

When I made the statement that I have never had a crop failure or even a poor crop—in the general sense of the word it is a fact that in the 28 years that I have resided on this farm the only year that I did not harvest a crop was in 1916, when one of the finest stand of all crops was totally destroyed and not a head of grain standing. This is the only exception and cannot be considered a crop failure as the crop was produced and nearing harvest when it was destroyed, and this is one factor that "Manitoba Farmer" omitted in his

list of destructive factors the farmer has to contend with each season. I will briefly refer to those mentioned in "Manitoba Farmer's" letter:

Rust has never injured my crop to any appreciable degree, as in the majority of cases. My crop was near or at maturity when rust began to develop, and in some years was safely in the stook before it appeared, owing to the introduction of early maturing varieties within the past 18 years or so.

I do not know the Hessian fly, as it has not appeared on my farm. Sawfly has never attacked my crop.

Owing to the introduction of early maturing varieties, frost damage is almost eliminated, as the last frost that touched my crop was in 1918, and then, only after the crop had been in the stook some ten days, when a slight shrivel of the bran was noticeable. Since that time my crop has been safely harvested without any touch of frost. I may also add that a few years agothe year I am unable at this time to recall, but will be remembered by many, when a July frost injured the standing crops throughout many parts of the country at a time when the crop was at or near the fertilization stage. fields were totally destroyed, and others more or less in parts of the field that did not produce any grain, while practically every field in my district showed injury more or less, my own crop was untouched and no injury occurred and a full crop was produced.

I have had my share in the lack of rainfall as well as in the past season, when a good satisfactory crop was produced. I cannot say that I get too much rain, and never during the growing season, but often at the end of the season after the crop is in the stook. One exception I may mention and that was in 1912, when in July, following a dry period, we had excessive rain, but a good crop was produced.

I receive my share of hot scorching winds with others. I also receive my share of heavy windstorms, but nevertheless produced satisfactory crops. My soil does not blow and I have never had any loss in blowing out of my crop.

Grasshoppers have never appeared to do any damage. I have my own weed problems as well as others, but weeds ave never got complete control.

Respecting one of the statements made by "Manitoba Farmer," viz., the statements as made by myself in the article referred to, "that such statements leave a general impression that farmers are a poor lot and simply do not know their own business," I wish to state in fairness to myself that at no time have I written any article, or in the article in question, anything that would leave this impression or to dis-parage or belittle the efforts of my fellow grain growers.

No such thought entered my mind, rather otherwise, as I have ever and in any way possible given freely of my time, and at personal expense, any advice asked for in practical demonstrations and through correspondence, but at no time have I forced my opinions





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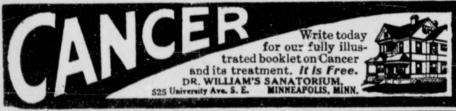
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or advice on any person. Many hundreds of letters have I received from dreds of letters have I received from fellow grain growers requesting advice on some of the farm operations or relating thereto, and I have never once turned away a single request, and anything in the shape of advice as far as I was in a position to give it, was given freely and in a helpful spirit.

Now, Mr. Editor, I have, lying on my desk at the same time your letter arrived in the mail, six letters very complimentary, respecting this article of

plimentary, respecting this article of mine in question that "Manitoba Farmer" takes exception to, beside several other similar letters complimentary since my article was published and requesting additional advice.

In conclusion allow me to say that I still maintain that luck is a factor that may be eliminated in the general sense of the word by those who follow reasonably sound principles in methods of soil tillage and use of good seed.

I am quite aware that there are instances wherein many depend too much on luck in crop production, as the evidence may be seen on every hand, not necessarily through negligence or carelessness, but by improper methods followed in soil tillage and use of indifferent seed.—Seager Wheeler.

## Fallows that Pay Dividends

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As soon as the furrows were dry enough for horses to walk in, I put the harrows on to level down the ridges and preserve the moisture until I was ready for the second listing, and also to make a good shallow seed bed for the weeds

I found the sections of steel lever harrows not quite wide enough to cover two ridges nicely, but by placing three pieces of 2 x 4's six feet long crosswise on edge in front of the harrow teeth, fastening them securely, and weighting the sections down with a bag of dirt, I managed to make a tool which would roll down enough soil into the furrows and firm down the ridges so as to make

cover eight rows at once, but the twosecured since, will do this work more satisfactorily with less horse-power.

#### Advises Driving Tandem

This being my first experience in listing I made a very serious mistake in not keeping the furrows all just an equal distance apart. The manufac-turers supply eveners for six horses abreast and although it made a rather heavy load for them I continued the work that way. Every farmer knows, that six or eight horses can not be driven as near the mark as they can be when driven tandem. The result was that in many places the furrows would be six to eight inches wider than the intended width of 40 inches; that meant a strip of weeds left to produce seed.

In the spring we put on eight horses on each lister and worked them tandem. We found with careful driving we could do a much more uniform job than with

a good seed bed. Six head of horses were able to handle four sections and rowed lister cultivators which I have

ers in Alberta and Saskatchewan joined with me in ordering seed corn, peas and machinery. While most of them economachinery. While most of them economized rigidly in the purchase of the machinery and only bought one type of cultivator, yet the big majority of them have been well pleased with the experiment with corn, and all who have tried the listers seem well pleased with them. Many of them have been using the listers for doing their bare summer-fallow work as well as for plowing and

the six abreast, and could cover enough

more land every day to more than make

listing and were able to keep the land fairly clear of weeds, but it did not make

nearly as good a crop of wheat this year as well-worked summerfallow land. I will double list all my land in the

future and set my cultivators so they will get all the weeds even if they do

cover up some of the crop, for destroying the weeds is the primary object.

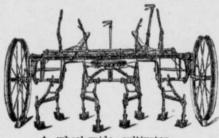
In the spring of 1923 about 400 farm-

We got a good even job on the single

up for the extra span of horses.

seeding their corn land.

A good many did not plant as many peas with the corn in 1924 as they did in 1923, because they are more easily covered up with soil in the cultivation than the corn is, and when the crop is



wheel-guide

harvested for winter feed they are quite a nuisance in harvesting. I increased the amount of seed peas per acre to double what I had formerly used, as I had grown my own seed, and I found that I could grow just as much corn per acre with the peas as without them. The more peas I had in the rows the more feed I had, and the better the quality of the feed was. Cattle prefer the pea vines to the corn. They will remain green long after the corn fodder has all dried up with the fall frosts, and the peas will always produce a quantity of ripe grain, whether the corn produces any ears or not. For fall pasture the more peas there are in the field the more feed and the better quality.

Let Cattle do Harvesting

I find that utilizing the crop as a fall pasture is by far the most economical way to use the feed, as the cattle will not waste as much on the land as the binders will leave; moreover, when the feed is full of sap and the weather is warm, stock will take on flesh much faster than with dry feed in cold weather.

The reports I have received from those who co-operated with me are very conflicting, but the majority claim the erop on their corn land was as good or better than the bare summerfallow lands, while others claim the summerfallow was much better.

Reports from Lethbridge, and War-ner, in Alberta, and from Tompkins, Sask., show their yields much heavier on their summerfallow land, while re-ports from equally good farmers at Carmangay and Sibbald, give just as

big difference in favor of the corn land have tried to learn from corres pondence with these parties what was the cause of the big difference in the results, but up to date I have not been able to solve the problem as all seem to have done their work in about the same manner. Practically all who have reported in

reply to my circular have agreed with my ideas of pasturing off the bulk of the crop and in the use of the lister.

A good many have bought listers for their summerfallow work, who have not been trying to grow corn and find it saves a lot of expense, keeps the land just as free from weeds as the plowing methods, eliminates soil drifting, and will store fully as much moisture.

Every farmer who uses the lister for corn growing should have both the lister cultivator and the wheel guide cultivator. The lister cultivator is needed while the furrows are deep, as they will work also. they are made so they will work along the sides of the furrows where the weeds make the first start. It can be adjusted so as to roll down just as much soil as is required to cover up the weeds which may be starting in the rows with

out covering the plants.

As the pan shaped wheels which carry these cultivators are set to follow the sides of the furrows and hold the discs and shovels just in the right places, they can not be guided after the furrows are filled up. The wheel guide cultivators should then be used.

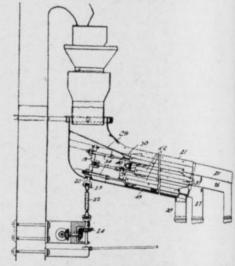
Twice over the field with each cultivator will leave the field entirely free forwards if they are confully says.

of weeds if they are carefully operated.
As a two-rowed lister set at 40 inches between the rows will cover 80 inches every time across the field it meant covering three times as much land as a two-furrow 14 inch gang. Double listing means, therefore, only two-thirds the expense of plowing at the same

depth. As the planting and packing are all done at the same operation it makes a big saving in labor.

#### New Grain Cleaner

The Guide is indebted to F. Fowler, of Moose Jaw, for the illustrations and description of the grain-cleaning at-



A cross-section view of the Victory Grain Cleaner, showing the three sieves driven by the crank which derives its power from the cylinder shaft.

tachment for separators invented by him and put into practical operation last year. What follows are the inventor's own statements:

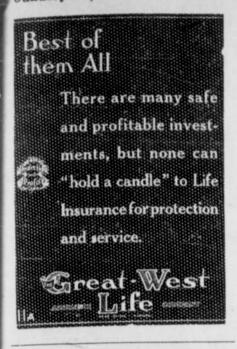
The cleaner can be attached to any threshing machine in place of the grain spout, taking the grain as it leaves the elevator, cleaning it as it passes to wagon box. It makes four separations. First the chaff and broken straw are separated from the grain and carried to the side. Through the second sieve which carries grain to wagon box, all broken grain, small immature berries pass, and are gathered, as they drop through, into a strong cotton tube, which empties into a bag on the ground. Through the last sieve, only small noxious weed seeds pass, and they are gathered into another strong cotton tube into another bag on the ground. The cleaning is perfectly done; separating into chaff, wheat, screenings and small weed seeds.

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By Prof. M. C. Herner

ROBABLY the title should be reversed and made to read Sense and Dollars in Poultry Keeping. It is our unbounded faith in poultry keeping as a part of the farm work which leads us to make the statement in this way. Almost everything in profitable poultry keeping depends on the amount of common sense put into it. This will hold good in feeding, in rearing, in fattening or in any other part of poultry work. Long ago we learned that "you can't take something from nothing," and we believe this holds good today. times in looking over the actual conditions under which poultry are kept on some farms we really believe that an attempt is made to get something out of nothing, or to take something out without putting anything in.

Common sense plus ordinary cents will bring dollars every time. costs money and time is worth money but add these to common sense and there is sure to be a profit. The profit may be small, but it is absolutely sure. The risk is small as compared with that of any other part of farm operations. In other words, the great majority of farmers have but a relatively small amount of money tied up in poultry and poultry equipment. For the amount of money invested, however, we venture to say that the returns are greater than for anything else. This in spite of low prices for eggs and market poultry in the off years.

Then, too, the question of quick returns comes in here. In rearing chickens the money for those sold as market poultry is all in, or should be in, in six months after they are hatched. In the case of broilers in three to three and a half months' time they are off your hands and you have the cash returns for them. In the case of pullets cash returns will start to come in in the form of eggs, when they are five to six months of age, so no matter which way we figure, the returns are bound to come

#### The Cause of Bad Luck

It should be pointed out again that these returns do not come hit and miss fashion. They depend entirely on the methods followed and not on luck. Bad luck is simply bad management and bad management is simply a lack of

common sense. In working with poultry we must take into consideration that we are working with a high-geared machine and errors in feeding, in rearing, in care and management, and so on do more harm in a shorter time and the injury is harder to repair than in any other class of stock. Compare the temperature of 107 degrees of the hen to that of the cow or any other class of livestock.

Compare again the growing period and maturity period of the chicken with that of any other class of stock. At from five to six months of age the chicken is practically full grown or mature and reproduction or laying has commenced. With the hog, sheep, and calf, it takes almost double this time, then when it comes the life period the average life of a hen is not much over two years, while that of any of the others may be an average of, at the very least, three times as long. Everything, therefore, points to the need for more attention to detail and greater care in poultry work if we are to have the results that mean profit.

Rapid Turnover

Along with these points is the fact that poultry eat more concentrated food than other classes of stock, grow faster and digest food more rapidly than other stock. A newly-hatched chick weighs about one and a half ounces, and at nine weeks of age it should weigh about 27 ounces, which is increasing its own weight 18 times in nine weeks. Not one single other animal on the farm, except a duckling or a gosling, increases its weight that fast. Poultry up to a certain age will make greater gains with less feed than any other class of stock, and when sold either live or dressed will bring more money per pound than anything else.

These are facts to bear in mind in our farm poultry work. The growing chicken, the laying hen, and the market duck, goose, or turkey will make the turnover providing we give them a chance to do it. Conditions on every farm, if they are not ideal for rearing poultry, can easily be made almost ideal at very little expense and what expense there is will be paid for again within a few months.

The two lines of production that will bring the most money are winter eggs, and market poultry. On most farms, however, winter eggs are a minus quantity. So far but few seem to have "caught on" to the way of getting winter eggs, but those who have been able to get the eggs have been making good money at it. This is a line of poultry work that offers greater possibilities than any other as far as profit is concerned. The eggs must, however, be produced during October, November, December and January, before the southern eggs and the eggs from the Pacific coast begin to come on the market and lower the price.

#### Natural Poultry Country

In the production of market poultry of any kind the prairie farmer can more than hold his own. He has an abundance of feed, and cheap feed too, because he gets it at first cost, which is a big factor in economic poultry production. There is an abundance of free range on every farm, and almost ideal weather for rearing.

As we see the poultry industry develop from year to year we are more and more convinced that the western farmer should make the raising of market poultry his chief sideline. The time has come when the western farmer need not fear over-production any more. His product has found a market in the eastern markets in competition with the best, so even though the home market may be flooded and prices down, the demand will come outside of our own local markets entirely.

The western farmer should capitalize what he has in his favor, in ideal summer rearing weather and an abundance of cheap food and free range. The long hours of sunshine and daylight we enjoy in June, July and August, are a great asset in rearing poultry. What we may lose in lateness of season, lack of green feed early in the season, poor hatching some seasons and other drawbacks are generally more than offset by the favorable conditions which follow during the summer and the early fall months.

It is known to be a fact that chickens, ducks, geese and turkeys make faster growth on the prairies than in the eastern provinces, and we attribute this very largely to the long summer days. There are of course such things as coyotes and other enemies that may interfere with the rearing of poultry, but in a general way we are satisfied that there should come from each farm each season not less than three or four dozen well fattened chickens, and 20 or 30 well finished turkeys and probably ducks and geese from some of the same farms as well. The western chicken and the western turkey have both made a name for themselves, and there is no reason whatever why there should not be hundreds of car loads of them going East and South every year

The setback this year we believe in turkey rearing is only temporary. The industry is new to the great majority of farmers, and it is to be expected that obstacles will come up and difficulties arise, but we feel that with the experience gained from season to season, and the help and information that is available on the question that none of the probable difficulties are too big to solve completely. We trust we are not unduly stressing the importance of poultry keeping on the farm, for we feel that on many farms the returns could be doubted and in many cases. could be doubled, and in many cases doubled again with the same labor and the same equipment and the same sized







flock handled to better advantage. We are trying to point out the advantages the prairie farmer possesses and how he can turn these to best account.

#### Quality Always Brings Premium

We have refrained till now from mentioning prices, but doubtless this point has entered the readers' mind long before this. We all know that prices are governed very largely by supply and demand and naturally the high production period of eggs in May, June and July brings with it lower prices. Just how long eggs can go before there ceases to be a profit in them we are not in a position to say, but we know this, that lack of quality has just as much to do with lowering prices as over production. The egg market has never yet been flooded with eggs of high quality. It might be well therefore to "jack up" a little on quality even though the price is low. Heavy production generally market in the production generally market in generally market in general in the price is low. production generally means lower prices in market poultry the same as in eggs, but in this product all of the prairie farmers have found a way to handle it successfully against a low local market by finding the outside market. The same has been done in egg pool work this season at different points on the prairies and has worked out very successfully.

We believe that if our farmers fully realize the necessity and importance of putting up the best possible product that the price may become more or less a secondary matter to a certain extent at least. When we come to the place in our farm poultry production where quality goes in first and price in afterwards, then we are in a position to make good solid progress. Co-operative marketing of poultry products has demonstrated this principle to every one who has participated in this work.

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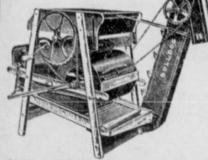
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to a new home and surroundings.

Tea had been laid on the west lawn under the maples. Possibly some time in the past the Spences had been a leisured people. They had brought from the old countury the tradition of afternoon tea. Many others had, no doubt, done the same, but with these others the tradition had not persisted. In the more crowded life of a new country they had let it go. The Spences had not let it go. It wasn't their way. And in time it had assumed the importance of a survival. It stood for something. Other Bainbridgers had "teas." The Spences had "tea."

Desire had been in her new home a month and had just made a remark which showed her astonished Aunt Caroline that tea was no more of a

surprise to her than fireplaces had been.
"Do you mean to tell me you have always had tea?" Miss Campion ceased from pouring in pure surprise.

"Why, yes." Desire's surprise was even greater than Aunt Caroline's. "Li Ho never dreamed of forgetting tea. He served it much more regularly than dinner because sometimes there wasn't any dinner to serve. It was a great comfort-the tea, I mean.'

"But how extraordinary! And a

Chinaman, too."

"Well, I am sure that is very nice." But it was plain from Aunt Caroline's tone that she thought it a highly impertinent infringement upon the privi-leges of a Spence. She poured her nephew's cup in aloof silence and refreshed herself with a second before re-entering the conversation. When she

did, it was with something of a bounce.
"Benis," she said abruptly, "can
you tell me just exactly what is a

Primitive?"

"Eh?" The professor had been trying to read the afternoon News-Telegram and sip tea at the same time.

Aunt Caroline repeated her question. "Certainly," said Spence. "That is to say, I can be fairly exact. Would you like me to begin now? If you have nothing to do until dinner I can get you nicely started. And there is a course of reading-"

Aunt Caroline stopped him with dignity. "Thank you, Benis. I infer that the subject is a complicated one. Therefore I will word my question more simply. Would an Indian, for instance, be considered a Primitive?'

"Um—some Indians might."
"Oh," thoughtfully, "then I suppose that is what Mrs. Stopford Brown

Her delighted listeners exchanged an appreciative glance.

"Very probably," said Benis, with tact, "were you discussing Primitives at the club?"

"No. Though it might be rather a good idea, don't you think? If, as you say, there is a course of reading, it would be sufficiently literary, I suppose? At present we are taking up psycho-analysis—dreams, you know. It was not my choice. As a subject for club study I consider it too modern.

But as I was saying, Benis, it is all your fault that this misconception has got about. I blame you very much in the matter. It comes naturally from your writing so continually about Indians and foreigners and Primitives generally. People come to associate you with them. Still, I think it was extremely rude of Mrs. Stopford Brown to say it."

"So do I," said Spence, with con-

viction.

"I asked Mrs. Everett, who told me, if anyone else had made remarks leading up to it. But she says not a word. It was just that Mrs. Everett said that it was strange that when you had taken so long to consider marriage you should have made up your mind so quickly in the end-'Gone off like a sky-rocket!' was her exact wording, and Mrs. Stopwas her exact wording, and Mrs. Stopford Brown said, in that frivolous way she has, 'Oh, I suppose he stumbled across a Primitive.' You will notice, Desire, that Mrs. Stopford Brown's name is not upon the list for your reception.''

"But—" began Desire, controlling

her face with difficulty.

"No 'buts,' my dear. It may seem severe, but Mrs. Stopford Brown is quite too careless in her general conversation. It is true that her remark is directly traceable to my nephew's unfortunate writings, but she should have investigated her facts before speaking. The result is that it is all over town that you have Indian blood. They say that, out there, almost everyone married squaws once and that is why there is no dower law in British Columbia. Those selfish people did not wish their Indian wives to wear the family jewels. Benis! You will break that cup if you balance it so carelessly. What I want to know is, what are you going to do about it?"

"Not being a resident of British Columbia, I cannot do anything, Aunt. But I think you will find that since women got the vote the matter has been adjusted."

"I do not understand you. What possible connection has the women's vote with Mrs. Stopford Brown?"

"I thought you were speaking of ower laws. As for Mrs. Brown, dower laws. haven't you already fitted the punishment to the crime?"

"Then you will not officially contradict the rumorf"

"Dear Aunt, I am not an official. And a rumor is of no importance—until it is contradicted. Surely you are letting yourself get excited about nothing."

Aunt Caroline bestowed upon Desire the feminine glance which means, "What fools men are."

"That's all very well now," she said. "But it is incredible how rumor persists. And when you are a father—there! I knew you would end by there! I knew you would end by breaking that cup."

Aren't we being rather absurd?" asked Desire a little later when Aunt Caroline and the tea tray had departed together. "Besides, you can't break a cup every time."

Spence sighed. It was undoubtedly

true that cups do come to an end.

"What we want to do," said Desire,
angry at her heightened color, "is to

be sensible."
"That's what Aunt Caroline is. Do you want us to be like Aunt Caroline?" "I want us to face facts without blushing and jumping."

"I never blush."

"You jump."

"Sorry. But give me time. I am new at this yet. Presently I shall be able to listen to Aunt describing my feelings as a grandfather without a quiver. Poor Aunt!"

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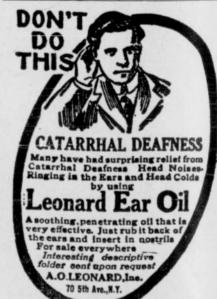


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"It is going to be rather a blow to

her, you know."
"Do you think we ought to-tell her?"

"Good heavens, no!"

"But it seems so mean to let her go on believing things."

"Not half so mean as taking the belief from her. Besides—". He paused and Desire felt herself clutch, unaccountably, at the arm of her garden

"She wouldn't understand," finished Benis.

Desire's grasp upon the chair relaxed. "Life is like that," he went on slowly. "No matter how careful people are there is always someone who slips in and gets hurt. Our affairs are strictly our own affairs and yet—we stumble over Aunt Caroline and leave her indignant and disappointed and probably blaming Providence for the whole affair. It is just a curious instance of the intricacy of human relationships—you're not going in, are

you?"
"There is some typing I want to finish," said Desire. "I have been letting myself get shamefully behind."

#### CHAPTER XXI

The weather on the day of Desire's reception could scarcely have been bettered. Rain had fallen during the night; fallen just sufficiently to lay the dust on the drive and liberate all the thousand flower scents in the drowsy garden. It was hot enough for the most summery dresses and gool enough for a summer fur. What more could be desired?

Bainbridge was expectant. It was known that Miss Campion was excelling herself in honor of her nephew's bride, and the bride herself was alluringly rumored to be a personality. It is doubtful if anyone really believed the "part Indian" suggestion, but there were those who liked to dally with it. Its possibility was a taste of lemon on

a cloyed tongue.

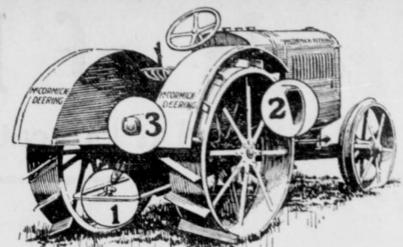
Desire, herself, was unperturbed. To her direct and unself-conscious mind there was no reason why she should excite herself. These people, to whom she was so new, were equally new to her. The interest might be expected to be mutual. Any picture of herself as affected by their personal opinions had not obtruded itself. She was prepared to like them; hoped they would like her, but was not actively concerned with whether they did or not, She had lived too far away from her kind to feel the impact of their social aura. Besides, she had other things to think

First of all, there was Mary. She found that she had to think about Mary a great deal. She did not want to, but there seemed to be a compulsion. This may have been partly owing to a change of mind with regard to Mary as a subject for conversation. She had decided that it was not good for Benis to talk about her. Why revive memories that are best forgotten?

So, because Mary was unavailable for discusion, Desire had to think about her. She had to wonder whether her hair was really? And whether her eyes really were? She wanted to know. If she could find someone who had known Mary, some entirely unprejudiced person who would tell her, she might be able to dismiss the subject from her mind. And surely, in Bainbridge, there must be someone?

But she had been in Bainbridge a month now. People had called. And she was still as ignorant as ever. She had been so sure that someone would mention Mary almost at once. She had felt that people would simply not be able to refrain from hinting to the bride a knowledge of her husband's unhappy past. There were so many ways in which it might be done. Someone might say, "When I heard that Professor Spence was married, I felt sure that the bride would have dark hair because oh, what am I saying! Please, may have more tea?"

But no one, even the giddiest flapper of them all, had said even that! Perhaps, incredible as it might seem, Bainbridge did not know about Mary? She had been, Desire remembered, a visitor there when Benis met her. Perhaps her stay had been brief. Perhaps the ill-



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If not-there was still John. John must know. A man does not keep the news of a serious love affair from his best friend. Some day, when John

knew her well enough, he might speak, delieately, of that lost romance. She would have to cultivate John.

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the very first. He thought of her comfort continually, almost too continually-but that, no doubt, was medical fussiness. He insisted, for instance, upon putting wraps about her shoulders after dewfall and refused to believe that she never caught cold. Only last night he had left early saying that she must get her beauty sleep so as to

be fresh for the reception.
"One would think," she had said, sauntering with him to the gate, "that the guests might decide to eat me instead of the ices. Why do you all expect me to quake and shiver? They can't really do anything to me, I

suppose ?'' The doctor was absentminded. "Do? Oh, they can do things all right. But," with quite unneces-sary emphasis, "their worst efforts won't be a patch on the things you will do to them. Why, you'll add ten years to the age of everyone over twenty and make the others feel like babes in arms. You'll raise all their vibrations to boiling point and remain yourself as cool and pulseless as-as you are now."

Desire was surprised, but she was reasonable.

"If you can tell me why my vibra-tions should raise themselves," she said, "I will see what can be done."

The doctor had gone home gloomily. "He is really very moody, for a doctor," thought Desire, as she sauntered back through the dusk. "It seems to me that he needs cheering up.

Then she probably forgot him, for certainly no thought of his gloominess disturbed her beauty sleep. A fresher more glowing bride had never gathered flowers for her own reception. She had carried them into all the rooms; careless for once of their cool aloofness; making them welcome her whether they would or not. Then, as the stir of preparation ceased and the house sank into perfumed quiet, she had slipped back into her own pink and grey room for a breathing space before it was time to dress

At Aunt Caroline's earnest request she had taken Yorick with her. "For," said Aunt Caroline, "I refuse to receive guests with that bird within hearing distance. The things he says are bad enough but I have a feeling that he knows many things which he that he knows many things which he hasn't said yet. And people are sensitive. Only the other day when old Burton was calling him 'Pretty Pol,' he burst into that dreadful laugh of his and told her to 'Shake a leg'! How the creature happened to know about the scandal of her early youth I can't say. But it is quite true that she did dance on the stage. She grew quite purple when that wretched bird threw it up to her."

Desire had laughed and promised to sequestrate Yorick for the afternoon. He had taken the insult badly and was now muttering protests to himself with throaty noises which exploded occasionally in bursts of bitter laughter.

It was too early to dress for another hour but already the dress lay ready on the bed. Desire had chosen it with care. She had no wedding-dress. Bridal white would have seemedwell, dangerously near the humorous. She would have feared that half-smile with which Spence was wont to appreciate life's pleasantries. But the gown upon the bed was the last word in smartness and charm. In color it was like pale sunlight through green water. It was both cool and bright. Against it, her warm, white skin glowed warmer and whiter; her leaf-brown hair showed more softly brown. Its skirt was daintily short and beneath it would show green stockings that shimmered, and slippers that were vanity.

Desire sat in the window seat and allowed herself to be quite happy. "If I could just sit here forever," she mused. "If someone could enchant me, just as I am, with the sun warm on the

tips of my toes and this little wind, so full of flowers, cool upon my face. If I need never again hear anything save the drone of sleepy bees, the chirping of fat robins and the hum of a lawn mower-

She sat up suddenly. Who could be mowing the west lawn in the heat of the day? Desire, forgetting about the enchantment, leaned out to see. Surely it couldn't be? And yet it certainly was. The lawn-mower man displayed the heated countenance of the bride groom himself.

"What is he thinking of?" groaned Desire. "He will make himself a rag -a perfect rag. I wonder Aunt Caro-

But Aunt Caroline was presumably No one came to occupied elsewhere. prevent the ragmaking of the professor, and Desire, after watching for a moment, raised her finger and gave the little searching call which had been their way of finding each other in the woods at Friendly Bay.

The professor stopped instantly, leaving the lawn-mower exactly where it was, in the middle of a swath. With an answering wave he crossed to the west room window and, with an ease which surprised his audience; drew his long slimness up the pillar of the porch and clambered over the railing into the small balcony.

"I can't come in by the front door," he explained, "on account of my boots. And I can't come in by the back door on account of extra help. I intended getting in eventually by the cellarway, but, if you want me, that would take too long. Besides, I wanted to show you how neatly I can shin up a post."

He smiled at her cheerfully. He was damp and flushed, but much brisker than Desire had thought. He did not look at all raglike. For the first time since their homecoming she seemed to see him with clear eyes. And she found him changed. He was younger. Some of the lines had smoothed out of his forehead. His face showed its cheekbones less sharply and his hair dipped charmingly, like an untidy boy's. His shirt was open at the throat. He did not look like a professor at all. Desire momentarily experienced what Dr. John had called a 'heightening of vibration.'

"Anything that I can do," offered

he helpfully.

"The best thing will be to stop deing," suggested Desire. "Don't you know that your're accessory to a reception this afternoon? Of course you are only the host, but it looks better to have the host unwilted."
"Like the salad? I hadn't thought

of that. In fact I'm afraid I haven't been giving the matter serious attention. I must consult my secretary. How else should a host look?"

"He should look happy." Benis noted this on his cuff. "Yes?"

Desire's eyes began to sparkle. "If he is a bridgroom, as well as a host, he should be careful to look often

at the bride."
"No chance," said Spence gloomily. "Not with the mob that's coming.

"Above all, he looks after his least attractive lady guests. And he never on any account slips away for a smoke with a stray gentleman friend.'

The professor's gloom lightened. "Is there going to be a stray gentleman friend? Did old Bones promise?"

Desire nodded triumphantly. "First time in captivity," murmured Spence. "How on earth did you manage it?"

"I simply asked him!"

"As easy as that They both laughed as bappy people laugh at merest nonsense.

"Ha! Ha! Ha!" schrieked Yorick "Go to it, give 'em hell!"
"I don't wonder Aunt Caroline
dreads him," said Desire. "His experi-

ence seems to have been lurid."

"Kiss her, you flat-foot, kiss her," shrieked the ribald Yorick.
"Sorry, old man," said Spence regretfully. "It's against the rules to

kiss one's secretary.''
Again they both laughed. But was it fancy, or was this laugh a trifle less spontaneous than the other?

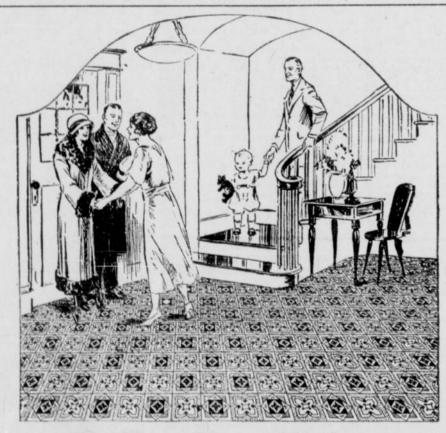
"Gracious!" said Desire, suddenly in a hurry, "I've hardly left myself

time to dress." (To be continued next week.)

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## The Countrywoman

The U.F.W.M. President

N selecting Mrs. S. E. Gee, of Vir-den, as president for the coming year, the United Farm Women of Manitoba have chosen a woman who has been prominent in the publie life of the province for some time Mrs. Gee was the first woman n Manitoba to hold office as school trustee. She was one of the first few women who attended the conventions of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association, now the U.F.M. Ever since the women decided to organize and earry on as the Women's Section of the U.F.M., Mrs. Gee has taken an active and leading part in their activi-She was director for the Brandon district, and spent much time in doing ocal organization work. Three years go, when Mrs. Elliott was elected president, Mrs. Gee became viceresident, and at this year's convenion she succeeded Mrs. Elliott as resident.

The retiring president and her sucessor have, since they first met at a J.F.M. convention, been intimate and nost congenial friends. At any noment Mrs. Gee stood ready to take meeting in any part of the province where she was needed, or to do anyhing she could to help to relieve Mrs. Elliott of some of the responsibilities hich fell to her share. Mrs. Gee has ad an experience and training that vill fit her to give a good lead to the etivities of the farm women during he time she will hold office. For a ear Mrs. Gee was convener of the Public Health Committee, and rendered good service in gathering and giving the members important information egarding Manitoba's health-caring gencies and legislation. For the ast three conventions Mrs. Gee has repared the legislation report of the F.W.M. Naturally, of a somewhat gal turn of mind, Mrs. Gee has taken articular delight and interest in diging into laws of special concern to omen and children, and she has pared neither time nor trouble to get nformation for the members of the oranization of which she was an officer. At the same time Mrs. Gee has taken iterest in the life of the community which she lived. She has been a ember of the Women's Institute ranch at Virden ever since its or-

Like many other westerners Mrs. ee was born in the East, in the townhip of Turnberry, county of Huron. Fer father, Robert Jobb, came to Manioba in 1880, and located near the esent town of Kenton. Mrs. Gee was arried while very young. Her hus-and, James Gee, lived north of enore, and finally moved near Virden. hey had a family of ten children six rls and four boys. Mr. Gee died in 909, and Mrs. Gee was left to carry on he work connected with a section of ind, managing a threshing machine nd looking after her large family, the dest of which was only twenty, and he youngest nine months.

Mrs. Gee has been a pioneer in the

anization.

rovince. She knows the problems that rm men and women have to face. he is an enthusiastic, whole hearted pporter of the U.F.M. She brings her new duties a keen, alert mind. he United Farm Women can look forard to continued progress under her

Paisley Shawls

practically every nation shawls used, whether of wool, silk or cot-Usually they are square, and when olded corner-wise are worn across the oulders or on the head. It is interestto know that the originators of s piece of clothing were the natives north-west India and Central Asia. e word "shawl" is derived from the rsian or Hindoostanee "shal."

Although shawls have been worn in e East for a long time, their popurity in the Western hemisphere is mparatively recent. During the ' years of the 18th century, armies of France and Englan shting in Egypt, beautiful

sent home to Europe by officers stationed in the East. Among them were the famous Kashimir shawls.

These gifts had such a great appeal that industries started in France, Scotland and England. The first weaving of this kind was done in England in 1784, but the hand-work was so slow and costly that the number of shawls turned out was limited. The best qualities had a silk warp and a worsted weft, the designs being darned by hand, as in those days there was no machinery capable of weaving patterns. By 1805, however, shawls were made in England entirely on a loom.

However, it was in Paisley, on the Firth of Clyde, near Glasgow, that the most beautiful shawls were created. The makers studied the gorgeous creations of the East and adapted from them the remarkable patterns typical of Paisley. At first the designs were simple stripes or checks, but gradually became more elaborate. Genuine Paisley designs are woven, not printed. Besides these there were many beautiful designs transferred by blocks, which are marvels of the art of carving. Metal insertions were also used. Some of these blocks, as well as the fabrics on which they were used, still remains to bear witness of the great skill of the early craftsmen of Paisley. The minuteness of detail and the intricacy of designs have never yet been surpassed.

The most typical Paisley pattern is termed "sarv" or the "pine cone," which is the conventionalization of a wind-bent cypress tree. The inspiration for this was secured from shawls of eastern nations. Paisley shawls were so popular during the last century that they completely out-shone the products of rivals in England and France. In 1834 the output of Paisley was estimated to be equal to five million dollars. So great was the popularity of these shawls that women of fashion wore them at social gatherings and gave them to friends as wedding gifts. In the summer light colors selected, while in winter the darker shades were more widely worn.

During recent years figured silk of Paisley design has been very popular. A glance at fashion books shows that the shawl is coming back, and it may possibly be that a revival of Paisley shawls is not far off. With the marvels of modern weaving it will not be necessary to rely solely upon the output of the mills at Paisley.

Waging a Winning Fight

Interesting figures regarding the progress of the battle against a disease that has taken a large toll of human life have recently been published. We are informed that the death rate in Canada for the last two years from all forms of tuberculosis has been 84 per 100,000 population. We are also told that this is the lowest national rate on this continent, and a lower national rate than that possessed by any European country.

Commenting on these facts, R. E. Woodhouse, secretary of the Canadia Tuberculosis Association, in a letter



#### The Guest

By Theodosia Garriso I entertain my joy with all I m With fair, white linen and p'

board,
With glowing hearth and coneighbor talk and songoh, well-beloved guest of stay long!

I entertain my Joy if With posies on against the p I keep my agarden g Oh, well you

The Countrywoman, writes as follows: "It is correct to refer to this as anti-tuberculosis accomplishment, as in 1901 we were losing our fellow citizens, from tuberculosis, at the rate of 180 per 100,000. The Canadian Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis was formed in 1901. The National Sanitarium Association, formed by the late Sir William Gage and his associates, had been functioning since 1893. Probably not more than 50 beds existed in Canada for open air sanitorium treatment of the pulmonary form of the disease. In 1914 we had a death rate of 108 per 100,000 from tuberculosis. We had 1,840 beds, principally built as a result of public philanthropy, at a cost of \$4,000,00 In 1919 we had 3,860 beds availab in splendidly equipped sanatoria, that to the wise policy of our government enlarging and improving the e ing sanatoria in all provinces, to the requirements of the tuber soldiers. This additional equipmen nearly \$4,000,000.

"This year will find us with torium treatment beds increase 50 to 5,000, and our death rate

by much more than 50 per cent "The reasons are that provir municipal departments of hes wonderfully improved all heat! Our people are well enlight follow teachings as to person Our children, through med inspection, are having defto light and corrected e thus removing debilitating above activities are cost vinces 50 cents a head some cities over \$1.00 a The communities whi chasing health at th the ones still losing an excessive rate f other preventable

"The cost of losis is going to than in the pa-We have had advanced case cupied sanat years each. number of Canada ar timent to have the institute coming and ear tario, l' for th treate 14 p€



trustees' convention, which also takes place in Saskatoon this year.

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all the adjectives available in the English language we least fancy "inevitable," but it seems that demand rather than choice has been the reason for its adoption. Mrs. Willebrandt does not go to conventions and make speeches because of her own love of speechmaking, but because she is invited there by different organizations, because they are anxious to hear from her news concerning the enforcement of the federal prohibition laws. She is recognized as a most capable woman and has something of importance and interest to tell them. Women have played such a large part in the securing of prohibition that it is gratifying to know that one woman, at least, is to take a prominent part in the carrying out of the laws that are intended for the securing of it.

#### News from the Organizations

Continued from Page us to the convention to all locals in province, so that delegates may be fully informed as possible before are called upon to decide in favor herwise of the establishment of for these products. Every local province that can possibly secure entation at this important conshould do so, and in this way rther definite achievements to lit of the association.

> reed Bull for the Relief Fund anks of the association are due

to J. H. Dickinson, a prominent live-stock man, of the Wood Mountain district for his offer of a pure-bred Here ford bull, for the benefit of the association's relief fund. The bull and its pedigree will be turned over to the fund as soon as definite arrangements can be made.

In the meantime an effort is being made to obtain a photo of the animal for publication, and the bull will be disposed of in some manner probably at the time of the convention. It is just possible that the bull himself may be on view to the delegates, though, of course, we could hardly upset the decorum of the convention by introducing his majesty in the church.

The thanks of the association are also due to the Leader Publishing Company, for opening a subscription list in The Leader and Post, for the benefit of the fund. A check has just been received from the company for the sum of \$500 raised in this way, which is to be administered by the Women's Section. Up to this time approximately 700 people have been re lieved through the fund, and requests for assistance are still coming in.

The Economic Course

Economic Course arranged jointly by the S.G.G.A., and the authorities of the Saskatchewan University is expected to be held from February 16 to 20, at the University, Saskatoon.

The full detailed program has not vet been arranged, but lectures will be given on Currency and Credit, by Dr. Carruthers; Farmer-Labor Problems, by Mr. McQueen; and Banking and Rural Credits, by Dr. W. W. Swanson Dr. Swanson also hopes to give two or three lectures on Wheat Prices and Marketing. Lectures will be given morning, afternoon and evening, each followed by discussion under the direct tion of a farmer chairman, with a view to reflecting the interest and aspirations of the farmers themselves. course dinner will be provided each day at the moderate charge of 35 cents, in the dining-room of the University.

It is hoped there will be a minimum of 50 students for the course, and as the only cost will be the student's own personal expenses, there should be no difficulty in obtaining this number. Entries should be sent to the Central Office, Regina, not later than the first week in February.

Social Evening at Convention

A change of venue has taken place in connection with the social evening arranged by the Women's Section for Tuesday, January 27, the first evening of the convention. Owing to a misunderstanding on the part of the City Hall officials, the hall was let also to another organization. In order that there should not be any disappoint ment in the matter, the Great War Veterans generously offered the use of their hall free of charge. The Tuesday evening social will therefore take place in the Veteran Block, corner of Eleventh Avenue and Albert St.

For the benefit of those who did not see the original announcement we may say that this function will comment with a lantern lecture on Fruit Growing, by W. R. Leslie, of the Dominion Experimental Farm, Morden, Man., and this will be followed by dancing and entertainment features. nally announced that a charge of 3 cents would be made for admission, the proceeds to go to the Relief Fund. It is possible, however, that the charge will be made more attractive, though at the moment we cannot say anything definite on the point.

THE DOO DADS

Jokes are alright if one is careful at a hurt someone in playing them or in a way make him suffer. If we are careful others we may expect that they will not very careful of us. Nicky Nutt of Dowin should have remembered this—his mele had certainly told him often enough, in the forgot, or he thought it didn't make what he did to Tiny, his baby elebus Anyway, he thought it a great joke whe threw a snowball and landed it square between Tiny's eyes. "Ha! ha!! Is ho!!" laughed Nicky. He held both him on his little round stomach and hund until the tears ran down his face. Tig is not laugh. Tiny scowled as he brushed is snow from his eyes and rubbed with it trunk the place where he had been hit. The just as Nicky opened his mouth for sadle roar. Tiny seized him. "Uff!" gray Nicky as Tiny slammed him down in face in the deep snow. At first Tiny make merely to roll Nicky about in the deep sn and get him cold and wet, for the unwas very damp and sticky. He rolled Nicky over, and the snow stuck fast to him. By gave Tiny an idea, and he began to chait to himself. "Now, I'll have my fim." told himself. He rolled Nicky over spin and more snow stuck to him. Then by gan to roll up a monstrous big snowly just as every boy and girl has done may time when the snow is damp and sinc Only Nicky was in the middle of Store snowball. "Help! help!" cried Nick, store heard him—nobody but Tiny, and he chuckling, for it as no his turn to play joke. And Nicky had not been very conformant, coming. Flannelfeet was lead in the midst of it could no longer be seen or heard, when he saw Flannelfeet was lead in the midst of it could no longer be seen or heard, when he saw Flannelfeet was lead in the midst of it could no longer be seen or heard, when he saw Flannelfeet was lead in the midst of it could no longer be seen or heard. When he saw Flannelfeet was lead in the midst of it could no longer be seen or heard. When he saw Flannelfeet was lead in the light when you hit it. And there is the licken when it is hatching and the him should have been



## The Open Forum

"Let truth and falsehood grapple. Who ever knew truth put to the worse in a free and open encounter?"—Milton

the Guide assumes no responsibility for the opinions expressed by correspondents in this department. It is squested that letters be confined to 500 words in length, that one subject only be discussed in a letter and that letters be written on one side of the paper only, and written very plainly (preferably in ink).

#### U.F.M. and Political Action

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The Editor.—I do not know what the arge body of United Farmers of Manitoba vill think when they learn that their elegates to the recent convention have committed them to political action in a irection never contemplated or considered by themselves, but what they may think reel will not now alter the situation. That a mistake has been made will be emonstrated some day just as surely as a morrow's day will dawn. Oil and water the not mingle, nor rural and urban intersts mingle, and it is utter folly to make the attempt, especially when there was no inse from the farmers' viewpoint for doing to the next federal election we would the next federal election we would the same result had we mained true to our principles and our ganization, but since we have exposed it body for sale we may not expect the me respect nor the support which goes ith respect.

th respect.
The saddening feature of the circumances is there can be no retracing of eps, because action once definitely taken carried by its own impetus to its logical nsummation, and the logical outcome of eaction determined upon at our recent nvention, is the ultimate loss of individuity, and just as the lack of individuality the person of the individual is regarded the contempt, so in time will the organized farmers in politics come to be regarded the contempt. The organization will be urted it is true, but what can we say h contempt. The organization will be red it is true, but what can we say ourselves when we realize that we fell ore we were even courted. The splendid fitting influence of the U.F.M. is already the wane. There may be, as doubtless re will be, times when hopes will rise, rise only to be dashed again. The end is in sight though the distance a not yet be measured, but for the sake

The end is in sight though the distance y not yet be measured, but for the sake the most honorable calling of men it is be hoped that some day upon the ashes the U.F.M. there will be reared a body leh will indeed be worthy of the respect admiration of all.—C. Barclay, M.L.A., and the same content of the same call.

#### Interest, a Man-made Institution

e Editor.—Rogers' Golden Syrup (what ume!) waxes wroth over the interest tion. Why all the fuss? Does not our e and sane" business policy demand interest be paid, and do not Tom, Dick tinterest be paid, and do not Tom, Dick I Harry, blithely borrow and sign on the ted line? What would you have us do? In money by the barrel as they did in sia and Germany? Of course the inciers have a good thing, seed time and vest never fail with them, and they pay let attention to business, no sentiment but them. Just so soon as the farmer solves in cornect and outs his business. the them. Just so soon as the farmer inizes in earnest and puts his business a business basis will we have the entum—no more 16-hour days and unibilis at the end of the crop season. Would put, as the business men do, all is into the prices of his goods and so the clear every season. Instead of worry-over the cost of implements, the high of living, interest and the other little dyances of life, he would simply add the bushels grown and there would be price, with a nice little profit and an ease in the reserve fund. But the faris conservative; very much so. He is money and works cheap, and wants ryone else to do the same. He is a ever in the deceitfulness of riches, and not wish to imperil his chance of the policy works on the deceitfulness of riches, and so the property wealth on each the deceit was the property wealth on each the deceit was the property wealth on each the deceiver wealth or each the deceiver weal not wish to imperil his chance of in by being encumbered by any sur-wealth on earth. Not for him does sun shine through a mass of fleecy is; all he asks of the skies are abund-of rain in due season, so that his may be large, and, he have plenty ork. He is a hog for work. His only for labor-saving inventions is to in-te the amount of grain he may have to be in order to get the meagre living satisfies his ideas of existence. He actical; no one more so. Labor was satisfies his ideas of existence. He actical; no one more so. Labor was ed as man's punishment for Adam's a looting the orchard, and ever since owed shoulders, stolld face and weary ment, show the effect of our original lot yet expiated. We were made in mage of God, but the likeness must grown less, as the centuries have d. Why lay the blame on interest? but a man-made institution and exists y because our colossal ignorance and permits it. Ghouls was the name ted for those who robbed the dead len times. But the dead have no use these or any of the other things we have the solution of the color of the second of the other things we have the solution and exists of the second of the second of the other things we have with the dead have no use these or any of the other things we ches or any of the other things we bury with them. The living, however, uffer, and so what shall we say of who not only rob the living but lay that the robbery may be carried on heir children on the generations yet

ne earth is mine," saith the Lord! on, say these eaters of the substance it fellow men, it is ours by virtue of papers and you and your children forever pay tribute to us. While world war was on, we were continueling told, "that the world was going made safe (fit) for democracy." cracy is not yet fit (safe) to let loose e world. The masses are not better than the classes to rule. Our present ion has demonstrated to the satisn of real thinkers that what is known in "safe and sane" business men are

not fit to rule and direct the world. Like Judas they carry the "bag" and have prob-ably all his limitations. They believe no doubt in their divine right to direct operaably all his limitations. They believe no doubt in their divine right to direct operations even as the Stuarts believed in their right to play "merry H——" with the lives and properly of their subjects, and in time democracy may wake up and take notice, may find out that the present state of affairs is to put it in a short sentence, "unfair, unjust and unstable, and not in the best interests of any of the members composing society." John Ruskin (possibly some of our readers may have heard of him) claimed that the "end and aim of consumption, and the end and aim of consumption was the production of 'life.'" "That state is the greatest, in which there are the most healthy, happy human creatures." He may have erred in his philosophy, as did the Greek sage, who said, "the end of labor is to gain leisure." Our present day aim is to get a bigger pile than Jones, or a bigger car than Brown, or a finer house than Robinson, a practical man's aim. Meantime the cynic murmurs as did the poet, "what fools these mortals be!"—Avalon. -Avalon.

B.G. Farmers

The Editor.—You are wrong in one sense and probably right in another. You are wrong in this sense: About the middle of the year, the Senate threw out a lot of railway bills of the C.N.R. How has this affected us? The Bulkley Valley during the past few years has contributed timber in the shape of ties to the C.N.R. for the making and laying of new rail on the prairies. This year, owing to the near-sighted policy of the C.P.R., the valley is in poor shape. We have grown crops but our market is limited. In 1923, where there were ten tie contractors with 67 subcontractors taking out ties, this year there are eight tie contractors with about 16 substaking out ties. What this means to the armer here is this: No market for hay, no narket for vegetables, no market for beef, so ties to make for the improvers of new arms. Last year practically every man in the valley; this year the camps will be pretty nearly all shut down by December. And no work means ructions in the near future. Two years ago a similar thing happened in another line, and if the whole country had not caught fire and the government had to commandeer every man in the country and send him to fight fire, something would have happened. You can't starve a virile population like we have up here. It is things like this that have farreaching effects. Our future is intimately bound up in the future of the prairie country.—Ernest Stubbs, Quick, B.C.

#### Three O'clock in the Morning

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The Editor.—While the above named article in The Guide of December 17 last, by Prof. H. C. Grant, contains many pithy and forceful statements it is such a mixture of truth and fallacy that we feel obliged to protest against the professor's dissipation of energy without getting us anywhere in particular by his mental effort.

We agree that "What the world needs today is a steady exhibition of cool and sane criticism of economic affairs," but instead of facing irritating facts or getting to the root of the problem we get an address fit for a P.S.A. or Rotary Club, and Mr. Grant dismisses the problem—runs away from it—by saying "the present depression has been thoroughly enough discussed without going into it again."

Then he would dope us into the belief that periods of prosperity and depression alternate of necessity and are inevitable, and that we have now turned the corner of one of the worst of them, or, if we only knew it, we are again on top of a wave of prosperity, etc., for during the last six months the disparity between farm purchasing power and wholesale prices has been almost wiped away.

Instead of being three o'clock, one would imagine it almost eight o'clock in the morning if the professor's assertions are accurate.

But his article reminded me of a piece

But his article reminded me of a piece of news in the daily paper recently, where eight o'clock in the morning was to bring to one unfortunate individual a rope and a gallows on which and by which he was to

Mr. Grant tells us that in 1922, 650,000 Mr. Grant tells us that in 1922, 650,000 people left the farms in the U.S.A., while 20 per cent. of those that remained were said to be insolvent. Could he not quote Canadian figures, and of more recent date? And would those figures favor his optimistic boosting? We trow not. The world always has its daily needs of food, clothing, shelter, etc., and trade might run evenly and continuously to supply these needs but for the exploitation of producers by capitalism. We do not admit the inevitable necessity of periods of depression, where the cunning few become immensely rich, while the mass of producers have insufficient to buy back their own or exchange for their fellow workers' products.

A cool and sane criticism of economic affairs does not lead to the conclusion that there is nothing wrong in present human arrangements. Neither does it say "inevitable." The 1,000 per cent. increase in forage crops is no proof of prosperity, but people left the farms in the U

His aching back relieved "I suffered with aching back which

interfered with my work on the rail-road. It was so bad that I had to give up my work for about two months. Then I started using Gin Pills. I got relief in four days so that I could go back to work."

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rather of the inability of such land to produce more grain profitably; and to counteract the weed menace.

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power and wholesale prices has not been wiped away. To say that it has is only bald assertion. Practically everything the farmer buys is about double the price it

bald assertion. Practically everything the farmer buys is about double the price it was in 1912.

Thousands of men were induced to go into agriculture or extend agricultural operations during and after the war, and were encouraged to believe, by government publications and those of commercial and fearners institutions, that great demand ment publications and those of commercial and financial institutions, that great demand and high prices would continue for farm products long after the war was over, and for this purpose credit was easy to obtain. But after autocracy was killed in Flanders it arose again in "high finance." The Cunliffe committee has made the western world dark as three o'clock in the morning by its deliberate and merciless deflation. by its deliberate and merciless defiation scheme. The burden that agriculturists took upon themselves in response to the patriotic greater production appeal, cannot be unloaded within the period allotted, when prospects were different. Here is the root cause of agricultural depression! What will be done about it? Will those financial institutions which hold big claims What will be done about it? Will those financial institutions which hold big claims upon agriculture insist upon fulfilment of contract? If so it is a case of the rope and gallows at eight o'clock yet for many, many farmers. Or will some re-arrangment be made to meet the pressing need created by too drastic deflation? Let optimists and pessimists stand aside awhile; for at a conference in Winnipeg recently, this phase of the problem was seen by the Loan Companies, and they may—they can, if they will—draw up a reasonable and acceptable scheme. Farmers generally do not wish to become a ward of the government, but the time is short if it is three o'clock in the morning. Agriculture is not guilty of wilfully evading obligations that can be met, and it was too busy digging to see what was coming. To check egress from the land, and revive industry, there is only one immediate remedy, not optimistic talk but action on the above lines.—W. Wainwright, Wadena, Sask. wright, Wadena, Sask.

#### Co-operation

The Editor.—I often wonder why we farmers do not get together more in cooperation as producers of the staple foods of the nations. I see where we, as such, would reap great benefits collectively without any further cost to the consuming public, in fact I firmly believe it would be a benefit also to them, as we might then save so much of the middlemen's profits. We need the sympathy of the people who consume our products, we also need their help in co-operation that we may put our products in their homes at the least possible cost, and from what I know the average citizen in Winnipeg today is paying The Editor .- I often wonder why we ble cost, and from what I know the average citizen in Winnipeg today is paying about one-third more for goods than would be necessary through co-operation. Take for instance flour, which for the last three months has been costing about an average of say \$4.20 per sack. This I venture to say was made from the 1923 wheat crop, the average price of which cost our millers, according to my knowledge, about 75 cents per bushel. It takes just a little over two bushels of wheat for a sack of flour, and taking into consideraa sack of flour, and taking into considera-tion that they have the bran and shorts, it means roughly speaking, that for every two bushels of wheat there is a sack of two bushels of wheat there is a sack of flour which cost the miliers about \$1.50. Allow 30 cents for labor, etc., and the total cost of a sack of flour is \$1.80. This sack retails at \$4.20, a difference of \$2.40 over cost. I would say this is about \$1.00 more on every sack of flour to the consumer than it should be, even at today's wheat

Take again bacon. Here is one thing that I have been working on and studying for several years—the raising of select hogs for the best bacon trade, and while I have had Yorkshires for a good many years and been expecting the best grade right along, so far I do not remember getting selects for many been since the government grading my hogs since the government grading system went into force, and yet the consuming public have to pay high prices for the bacon they consume. I think the retail price is around 40c per pound for the best, down to 22c for the other grades. This last summer select hogs were below 8c, and thick smooths from which about 90 per cent. of the bacon is made were selling from 6%c to 8%c per pound, liveweight. Now just allow double that for shrinkage and handling and the cured meat would be about 16c per pound. Where This last summer select hogs were below

selling from 6%c to 8%c per pound, liveweight. Now just allow double that for shrinkage and handling and the cured meat would be about 16c per pound. Where goes the difference? But what we need before we can remedy these things is cooperation first of all by the producers, then the consuming public.

One place in particular where I see a great loss is on the handling of our livestock and the dairy products. We can make about 5c per dozen on eggs alone by shipping co-operatively in 30 dozen crates, which would give the consumer a better quality at no higher cost, and the producer 5c per dozen more. I would like to note how much better and uniform a price we have been getting for our cream these last few years since the Manitoba Co-operative Dairies have been in operation.

A few suggestions to the shippers of livestock from our country points. By shipping co-operatively in a systematic manner, there is considerable saving, more especially of course if all shippers from a district do this and ship to the cattle pool. I get into little arguments occasionally with men who are greatly opposed to this system, perhaps for their own personal benefit, and only very recently I was told that the U.G.C. cattle pool would not last much longer, but I find that the year previous to the last the U.G.G. received 1,184 cars of stock more during the year while the nearest competitors received 260 cars less. These are official figures, which make it look to me that the U.G.G. livestock department is still carrying on the good work to the satisfaction of the majority of the shippers in spite of tremendous opposition, and this is just one of the branches in the tree of co-operation. The wheat pool, of course, is only as yet in its infancy, so far especially as Manitoba is concerned, but so far as I know and can judge by past experience, it is the only sane and proper way to market our wheat at present, but as time goes on and improvements come out, if we can see better ways and means of marketing, it will be our duty to adopt them. and more so by co-operative effort. Attention will also have to be given to our moral and social life, especially the training of our children.—John Horton, Katrine, Man.



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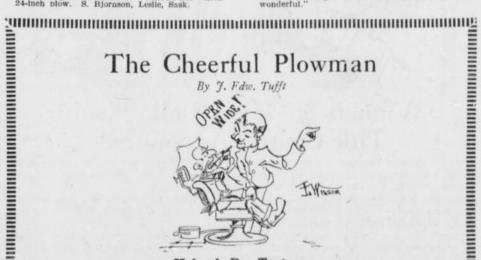
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I sometimes thought I would never get better. I tried several doctors, but it seemed nothing they gave me helped. I had almost given up hope when a friend advised the use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, I tried it, and can say it certainly has done wonders for me. I did not stop until I had taken twenty-five boxes."

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60 cts. a box of 60 pills, Edmanson, Bates & Co., Ltd., Toronto

have been invited to attend and address the meeting, as well as members of the provincial cabinet .- James Glen, Sibbald, Alta.

#### Union Bank Report

The annual report of the Union Bank of Canada, for 1924, was the sixtieth, and it thus marked the diamond jubilee of this institution. The report shows that profits for the year amounted to \$911,942, which added to the balance from last year made \$1,229,016 available for distribution. Of this sum \$640,000 was distributed as dividends at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum; there was carried forward to next year

\$319,434, the remainder being distributed to the usual accounts.

The total assets of the bank now stand at \$120,575,115, the liquid assets standing at 52 per cent. of the bank's liabilities to the public as against 495 per cent. in the corresponding period last year. Reserve and undivided profits amount to \$2,069,434. There was a slight falling away in savings deposits during the year, and they now stand at \$66,987,204, while current accounts stand at \$25,287,812, a total of

## Station D.E.B.T. Signing Off



## Winners of Guide Radio Picture Title Contest Announced

First Prize.-Four-tube radio set complete with loud speaker, antenna equipment, batteries and all equipment necessary to erect .- Won by Gordon A. Smith, Bounty, Sask., for the above title.

Second Prize-A similar radio set complete with all accessories, but without the loud speaker.-Won by Duncan Black, Foxwarren, Manitoba, for "A Sudden Jump in Stockers Bring the Feeder up Too."

-For the largest number of subscriptions sent in on this contest. Third Prize .-A four-tube radio set complete with all accessories, but without the loud speaker. Won by Bernard Haywood, Dugald, Manitoba.

Honorable Mention—"When Pa gets the Bug, the Grub has 'o Wait," H. Sawyer, Beulah, Man.; "Father Rises to the Rising of the Dough," S. Ellis, Dunkirk, Sask.; "Market Quotations Make a Loud Speaker of Pa," Mrs. L.

James, Cantaur, Sask.

There was an abundance of originality shown in the Picture Title Contest. Nearly fourteen hundred suggestions were submitted, and it was no easy task for the judges to choose the best from such a large amount and variety of material. Some sent a little verse

or limerick, which, while being very clever, could hardly be classed as a title, while a great many suggested that wheat or livestock were going up or that the pool was a success. The entrants were well scattered over the three prairie provinces, and not a few of the contestants were our New Canadian settlers. The fortunate winners of these three radio sets will now be able to tune in on stations scattered all over the continent and we wish them many hours of pleasure.



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## The Farmers' Market

Office of the United Grain Growers Limited, Winnipeg, Manitoba, January 16, 1925.

WHEAT—Wheat market during the past week has been a nervous affair, with sharp fluctuation from day to day, based for the most part on local trade conditions caused by the liquidation of speculative wheat and covering of short lines. The underlying conditions have not changed and the market has wonderful ability to advance sharply when offerings are retarded. Export business is reported dull, but millers have been buyers of large quantities of May wheat from time to time against flour orders. Continental Europe has bought the flour. There is nothing whatever to suggest a lowering of wheat values excepting liquidation on a large scale by a speculative public, which admittedly holds a lot of wheat. News has all been favorable to the price, European stocks becoming depleted. Strikers delaying shipments from Australia, and some reports of Argentine wheat being of poorer quality than expected. Cash trade is practically at a standstill. Millers are the buyers of any few odd cars coming along. Trend of the market depends considerably on outside news and its effect on public sentiment. No damage reports on the winter wheat crop so far, so it must be in fairly good condition.

OATS—Oats are dull. There is rather a poor demand for them. Any strength they have is borrowed. They look reasonably cheap compared to other grains. They sold two cents higher when wheat was 20 cents lower, all of which doesn't mean much.

BARLEY—Barley is being exported in a small way. There is little barley for sale now. The bulk of the crop is gone. Demand will likely continue.

FLAX—Since this passed \$2.70 for May flax there has been pressure on this market caused by the selling out of flax bought at lower prices. This selling had little effect on the market. Crushers took the bulk of it and it has gone, too. Trade is now of a quiet nature. Any odd lots are disposed of without disturbing the market, and generally the undertone seems quite firm.

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#### LIVERPOOL PRICES

Liverpool market closed January 16, as follows: March \$\frac{3}{4}\text{ lower at 13s 10d; May 1\$\frac{3}{4}\text{ lower at 13s 10d; May 1\$\frac{3}{4}\text{ lower at 13s 7}\frac{3}{4}\text{ per 100 pounds.} Exchange, Canadian funds, quoted \$\frac{3}{4}\text{ lower at \$\frac{4}{4}.77. Worked out into bushels and Canadian currency, the Liverpool close was: March \$1.98; May \$1.95.

#### MINNEAPOLIS CASH PRICES

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Spring Wheat.—No. 1 dark northern, \$1.77\forall to \$2.14\forall; No. 1 northern, \$1.76\forall to \$1.80\forall; No. 2 dark northern, \$1.75\forall to \$2.14\forall; No. 2 northern, \$1.74\forall to \$1.77\forall to \$2.14\forall; No. 2 northern, \$1.74\forall to \$1.77\forall to \$1.77\forall to \$2.08\forall; No. 3 northern, \$1.71\forall to \$1.75\forall Montana—No. 1 dark hard, \$1.77\forall to \$2.01\forall ; No. 1 hard, \$1.77\forall to \$1.88\forall Minnesota and South Dakota—No. 1 dark hard, \$1.75\forall to \$1.80\forall ; No. 1 hard, \$1.74\forall to \$1.80\forall ; No. 2 annber, \$1.82\forall to \$1.85\forall to \$1.82\forall ; No. 2 durum, \$1.75\forall to \$1.80\forall ; No. 3 annber, \$1.77\forall to \$1.93\forall ; No. 3 durum, \$1.77\forall to \$1.93\forall ; No. 3 durum, \$1.72\forall to \$1.78\forall . Corn—No. 3 yellow, \$1.27\forall to \$1.29\forall ; No. 4 yellow, \$1.17\forall to \$1.21\forall ; No. 4 mixed, \$1.12\forall to \$1.14\dots No. 2 white, 56c to 56\forall co \$1.14\dots No. 3 white, 54\forall co 55\column co 10 yellow \$1.27\forall co 10 yellow \$1.27

WINNIPEG LIVESTOCK

The Livestock Department of the United Grain Growers Limited, report as follows for the week ending January 16, 1925:
Receipts this week: Cattle, 4,373; hogs, 13,564; sheep, 164. Last week: Cattle, 6,111; 24,486; sheep, 409.
Cattle receipts during the past week continue much in line with the previous week; very few real good cattle coming and these

are bringing a good strong price. In-be-tween cattle, if anything can be quoted a shade lower, otherwise the market is about shade lower, otherwise the market is about steady. Choice export steers will bring from \$6.50 to \$7.00, prime butcher steers from \$6.50 to \$6.50. Choice handy-weight butcher heifers up to \$5.50. The cow market appears to be a little off, and it takes an exceedingly good cow to bring \$4.00. Choice dehorned feeder steers from \$4.00 to \$4.50, depending on flesh, and good short-keeps from \$5.00 to \$5.50. All indications point to a good steady demand for good butcher and export cattle, and we cannot too strongly advise the finishing of all stock as there is an exceedingly wide margin between finished and unfinished cattle at the present time.

The run of hogs continues fairly heavy, and we strongly urge the holding back of

The run of hogs continues fairly heavy, and we strongly urge the holding back of light and shop hogs, as there are too many of this kind coming, with the result that it is affecting the whole trade. Thick-smooths at time of writing are selling from \$9.50 to \$9.65, with the usual cut on sows and heavies, and a 10 per cent. premium over thick-smooth price for select bacons.

The sheep and lamb receipts continue light, choice lambs will bring up to \$13, medium to good kinds around \$12.

Shippers from Saskatchewan and Alberta should bring health certificates covering cattle shipments. This is very important.

The following summary shows the prevailing prices at present.

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vailing prices at present:			
Choice export steers			
Prime butcher steers	5.50	to	6.00
Good to choice steers	5.00	to	5.50
Medium to good steers	4.00	to	5.00
Common steers			
Choice feeder steers	4.00	to	4.25
Medium feeders	3.25	to	3.75
Common feeder steers	2.50	to	3.00
Good stocker steers	3.25	to	3.50
Medium stockers			
Common stockers	2.50	to	2.75
Choice butcher heifers	5.00	to	5.50
Fair to good heifers	4.00	to	4.50
Medium heifers	3.00	to	3.50
Stock helfers	2.50	to	2.75
Choice butcher cows	3.50	to	4.00
Fair to good cows			
Cutter cows	1.75	to	2.25
Breedy stock cows	1.50	to	1.75
Canner cows	.75	to	1.25
Choice springers5	0.00	to	60.00
Common springers 1	5.00	to	25.00
Choice light veal calves	6.00	to	7.00
Choice heavy calves	4.00	to	5.00
Common calves	2.25	to	3.50
Heavy bull calves	2.50	to	3.00

EGGS AND POULTRY

WINNIPEG—Eggs: Dealers' prices for this week's deliveries are unchanged at, fresh extras 55c to 60c; firsts 50c to 55c; seconds 35c. Jobbing prices are downextras 60c to 65c; firsts 53c; seconds 38c. There were ten lots imported last week totalling 125 cases. Poultry: The situation is practically unchanged under light receipts and very little business.

REGINA, SASKATOON AND MOOSE JAW—Eggs: Dealers' quotations are unchanged, fresh extras 55c; firsts 50c; seconds 30c, delivered. Further shipments of British

delivered. Further shipments of British Columbia fresh firsts are on the market. Continued low temperatures tend to reduce receipts. In the North Battleford district fresh eggs are very scarce. Those arriving

#### Cash Prices at Fort William and Port Arthur January 12 to January 17, inclusive

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are retailing at 75c. Poultry: Business very

are retailing at 75c. Poultry: Business very light, prices unchanged.

CALGARY—Eggs: Market firm. No local fresh arriving, and local storage stocks practically exhausted. Dealers' quotations are delivered, extras 55c; firsts 50c; seconds 45. A few cases of British Columbia fresh firsts are arriving daily, costing \$16 per case. Poultry: Very little is now

moving, prices unchanged.

EDMONTON—Eggs: The lower prices quoted last week hold unchanged. Dealers are quoting, delivered, extras 55c; first 50c. Fresh extras are retailing at 75c, firsts 60c. The situation with regard to storage remains unchanged. A few extras are jobbing 50c; firsts 45c. Poultry: Dull, no business reported.

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#### Doctor Pronounced Him Cured

Norwich, N. Y., 34 Fair St., August 2, 1924.

August 2, 1924.

Dear Mr. Brooks: I discontinued wearing my Appliance about six weeks ago and am happy to say that my rupture is entirely healed. Was examined by my doctor and pronounced cured. Considering my age, 61 years, think this is wonderful work.

Cannot express to you just how grateful I am, for up to the time that I commenced wearing your Appliance was miserable every minute With best wishes for your success.

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Grateful

Roan Mountain, Tenn., R. F. D.
No. 2, Box No. 84, July 22, 1924
Mr. C. E. Brooks: Your Rupture Appliance has cured me—I have been well for two

You may use my name and this letter in any way you wish for I feel very grateful.

Yours truly,

Cured in a Few Months

Mr. C. E. Brooks, Marshall, Mich.
Dear Sir: In reply to yours of recent
date I will gladly say I used your Rupture
Appliance for only a few months according
to instructions. My rupture is fully cured.

I have not felt any ill effects from it for

I can't say how grateful I am to you and have had several parties write you through my recommendation.

Five Operations Failed Lowell, Mass., 14 La Grange St.,

Dear Mr. Brooks: About five months ago I purchased one of your Appliances and want to say in less than two months I began to notice improvement. I believe the cure is complete, as I took the Appliance off a couple of weeks ago and have had no trouble. Had suffered for twelve years and never found any comfort or relief with any of the trusses I had tried.

I am interesting my friends in this Appliance, and why wouldn't I aid a rupture sufferer when I know the agony one goes through? Your Appliance was a Godsend and if circumstances would allow me I would come to your city and thank you personally.

Believe I told you before, have had five sperations for this trouble, without success. I am grateful to you, and am,

Ever yours, James Brady.

Sincerely yours, J. F. McCulley.

About five months ago

two or three years.

Dear Mr. Brooks:

Xenia, Ill., Box No. 144, July 20, 1924.

I am, gratefully yours, E. W. Brown

John Clark.

# The Above is C. E. Brooks, Inventor of the Appliance. Mr. Brooks Cured Himself of Rupture Over 30 Years Ago and Patented the Appliance from His Personal Experience. If Ruptured Write Today to the Brooks Appliance Co., Marshall, Mich.

#### Spring Trusses Failed—Brooks Appliance Cured

Sterling, Mass., Box No. 177, June 11, 1924.

Brooks Appliance Co.,
Marshall, Mich.
Gentlemen: I wore your grand Rupture
Appliance for one year, day and night, after
which I underwent a doctor's examination.
He stated I was completely cured. This
examination was made in December, 1921,
and haven't worn the Appliance since and
have had no trouble.

I suffered from a double rupture and had
used spring trusses for six years without
belp.

help.
Wishing you success in your grand work,
I remain, sincerely yours,
Albert Foote.

#### Seventy-Five-Year-Old Carpenter Cured

Freeport, N.S., Can., May 25, 1924.

Dear Mr. Brooks: Thank you for your kindness in writing me, but I am pleased to inform you that I do not need anything in connection with the Appliance, for I have not worn same for the last nine months and consider myself cured of rupture.

The rupture has not troubled me for the last four years—thanks to you and your invention. It was a Godsend to me, for the doctor said there was nothing for me but the knife. I am seventy-five years old and work every day at my trade as a carpenter. You are at liberty to use the above statement in any way you choose.

Sincerely, C. H. Campbell.

#### Daughter Cured-Is Anxious To Tell Other Worried Mothers

Edmonton, Alta., Can., 11637 125th St. March 13, 1924.

March 13, 1924.

Gentlemen: One year ago I bought your Rupture Appliance for my little girl, who was three years old. She is now four, and the rupture hasn't bothered her since I put

the Appliance on.
I surely am very thankful to you and you may use this letter, as it may help some other worried mother.
Yours very truly, Mrs. Thes. Scott.

## Boy Suffered Agony From Double

C. Eller or other

Rupture

Acworth, Ga., April 14, 1924.

Dear Sir: I have been wanting to write you for quite a while to tell you what a wonderful Appliance you have. It sure proved a blessing in our home.

We ordered the Appliance about two years ago when we were living at Rucker, Tennessee, and put it on our baby, who was just beginning to walk. He wore it about a year or perhaps fourteen months and was completely cured.

This boy had a double rupture and suffered perfect agony. We tried several other trusses; they cut and bruised him. Then I saw your advertisement, ordered an Appliance, and I sure thank God it cured our boy. I believe he was cured a good while before we took the Appliance off, but we wanted to be sure.

Our boy is now six years all

be sure.

Our boy is now six years old and is strong and robust. The rupture never came down once after putting on the Brooks Appliance. I am ashamed for not writing you sooner, but I just neglected it.

Thankfully yours, Mrs. L. A. Walls.

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Beware of imitations. Look for trade ark bearing portrait and signature of C. Brooks, which appears on every Appliance.

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- 2. The Appliance for retaining the rupture cannot be thrown out of position.
- 3. Being an air cushion of soft rubber it clings closely to the body, yet never blisters or causes irritation.
- 4. Unlike the ordinary so-called pads, used other trusses, it is not cumbersome or ungainly.
- 5. It is small, soft and pliable, and positively cannot be detected through the clothing.
- The soft, pliable bands holding the Appliance do not give one the unpleasant sensation of wearing a harness.
- 7. There is nothing about it to get foul, and when it becomes soiled it can be washed without injuring it in the least.
- 8. There are no metal springs in the Appliance to torture one by cutting and bruising the 9. All of the material of which the Appliances are made is of the very best that money can buy, making it a durable and safe Appliance to wear.
- 10. We guarantee your comfort at all times and in all positions, and sell every Appliance with this positive understanding.

#### Lucky Day When He Saw Our Advertisement

Advertisement

San Pedro, Calif., S. S. "Annie Hanify."
c/o Banning Co., March 19, 1924.
Gentlemen: It is with pleasure that I write you these few lines to let you knew that I am absolutely cured of my rupture and that is to say I am cured through using the Brooks Rupture Appliance.
I call it a lucky day when I saw your advertisement in THE WORLD ALMANAO AND ENCYCLOPEDIA. I would have written you four months ago, but thought I would wait and see if I really could go without the Appliance, and now I say I am just as good as I over was before I got ruptured.
You have the absolute right to show erreprint this letter any time you wish and to refer any ruptured people to me. I have been with this company for thirty years and I am in the best of health. I am and always will be, Very truly yours,

Capt. F. B. Zaddart.

#### Boy Cured in 1921-No Trouble Since

Dennis, Tex., July 14, 1924. Dear Sir: I bought your Appliance for my son in 1920 and he has not worn it since 1921.

Since that time he has gone through the most rigorous tests that a boy can think of and never complains in the least. Doctors pronounce him cured.

I would advise anybody suffering from rupture to use your Appliance and grant you full permission to use this letter if it is of any value.

Sincerely yours,
M. F. Taylor.

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